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Facing Capture and Trial, Pol Pot Is Found Dead

By Keith B. Richburg

HONG KONG — Almost 23 years to the day after his guerrillas marched into Cambodia's capital and launched a horrific genocide, Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader, has died of a heart attack on a flowered mattress in a wooden-slat hut, a captive of the followers whom he once commanded but who in the end denounced him for his crimes.

Televised footage on Thursday from the Khmer Rouge's jungle redount showed Mr. Pol Pol's body. arms at the sides, stretched out on a simple wooden bed, a green blanker partly covering his legs, his

plastic sandals at his bedside.

It was in that hut, barely 300 meters from the Thai border, that his wife discovered the body Wednesday night when she went to arrange his mosquito netting. She said Mr. Pol Pot had died in his sleep.

(The Khmer Rouge's clandestine radio made no mention of Mr. Pol Pot's death until late Thursday, when it read a brief statement, Reuters reported from Phnom Penh. "Our radio would like to declare that Pol Pol died of illness at 10:15 P.M. on April 15, 1998," the radio said." He was 73 years old."]

Everywhere, it seemed, there was suspicion about the coincidence of his passing just as the U.S. government was gaining international support for its

plans to put Mr. Pol Pot on trial and as the remaining Khmer Rouge troops seemed ready to surrender their longtime leader.

In Phnom Penh, officials were demanding to see Mr. Pol Pot's body before fully accepting the news of his demise. A Khmer Rouge official said the body would be cremated in two days.

But the American journalist Nate Thayer, a cor-respondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review, returned to Thailand from the Cambodian jungle Thursday night and said he had seen the body and had no doubt that it was Mr. Pol Pot's.

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Awful Questions **And No Answer**

Now Cambodia Cannot Learn Why So Many Were Massacred

By Seth Mydans

SIEM REAP, Cambodia — This was a natioo bereaved Thursday, but not a nation in mourning. It was a nation liberated in some small measure from the shadow of its traumas, but it was left emptyhanded, without answers to some of its most painful

"I wish Pol Pot were still alive," said Oum Bun Thoeun, a legal assistant, reacting to news of the death of the creator of

Cambodia's killing fields. ANALYSIS "I still want to know what happened, why Pol Pot killed so many people, why he killed my brothers. Yes, I would like to hear him

say why be killed them. Mr. Pol Pot, the man responsible for the deaths of 1.5 million to 2 million people during four years of terror in the late 1970s, died late Wednesday night at the age of 73 in a small thatched but in the mountains of northern Cambodia.

His death came as government soldiers and renegade guerrillas from his Khmer Rouge movement were closing in on him and as the international community was preparing the ground for his capture and trial for crimes against humanity.

Now he is another of history's mass killers who escaped retribution.

AGENDA

Helicopter Deal

Links **EU** Firms

Westland Helicopters Ltd. of

Britain and Agusta SpA of Italy said Thursday they would merge their

operations in a move that analysts

said could give a boost to a broader

restructuring of Europe's defense

industry. The venture, which would

have annual sales of about £1 billion

(\$1.68 billion), would reduce the

number of Europe's helicopter

makers to two from three. Page 13

Korea Strike Raises

Striking workers from the bank-

rupt Kia Motors Co. demonstrated Thursday in Seoul, raising fears

that their battle for Kia's independence - and their jobs - could

spark worker upheaval against a

new law authorizing layoffs at unprofitable companies. Page 17.

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A Thai Business Dynasty Stumbles

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Fears of Upheaval

A Cambodian walking by one of Pol Pot's killing sites, at a school outside Phnom Penh, in July.

one," said Youk Chhang, who heads a research center that has been collecting evidence in preparation for a trial of Mr. Pol Pot or other Khmer

This time we are sad because we have lost a criminal we cannot punish. I wish to see him in court. I wish to see him in handcuffs.

"I wish to see him suffer the way he made me "Usually you are sad when you have lost a loved suffer."

For nearly 19 years, since the Khmer Rouge were driven from power hy a Vietnamese invasion, the author of the nation's suffering remained alive and in command of a guerrilla insurgency in the dense jungles of western and northern Cambodia.

Though he was never a real threat to the country's successive governments, his very presence cast a

See TYRANT, Page 4

Iraq Stalls on Arms, Report to UN Says Inspectors Find No Grounds For Easing Economic Sanctions

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York -After six months of crisis that brought Iraq and the United States close to war and sent Secretary-General Kofi Annan to Baghdad on an emergency mission to restrain Presideot Saddam Hussein from gutting the arms-inspection process, a report hy the United Nations chief inspector has concluded that Iraq is no closer to meeting requirements for the lifting of sanctions than it was when the confrontation began last fall.

The report, hy Richard Butler, chairman of the UN Special Commission, was turned over to Mr. Annan on Wednesday night and is likely to go to the

Security Council by the weekend. The council will use the report, which has not been made public, as a basis for deciding by the end of April whether in ease the tough economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of

The report says that a major con-sequence of the crisis has been "that in contrast to the prior reporting period, virtually no progress in verifying dis-armament has been able to be report-

In Baghdad on Thursday, the Iraqis unexpectedly stepped up pressure to have the sanctions lifted anyway, a move many diplomats here did not expect until the oext sanctions review in October.

"The time has come," said a state-ment by both the Revolutionary Com-mand Council, Mr. Saddam's inner cabinet, and the president's Ba'ath Party, for lifting the embargo completely and comprehensively.

comprehensively."

The statement, carried by the official Iraqi press agency, warned of a new crisis if the sanctions continued. It said that only "those of ill intentions" wanted the embargo to continue and would be held responsible for "the sin of the deaths of our people."

Only they, if they oppose the lifting of the sanctions, will bear in addition to the burden of previous crises, the hurden of a new crisis and what harm may hit our people," the statement said.

Asked about the Iraqi threat Thursday, Mr. Annan said that he had received no official information that Iraq had changed its position on compliance in any way. ject themselves to increased surveil-

As many diplomats expected, however, Iraq indicated in the statement that it intends to use the almost-ceremonial inspections of eight presidential properties in recent weeks to prove that those who feared that weapons or components would be found there have been proved wrong.
UN inspectors have regarded those

inspections as preliminary visits to make the point that no buildings will be considered off-limits and to survey the sites for possible future inspections. In Washington, James Rubin, the

The problem remained, he said, that Iraq has not adequately accounted for a range of weapons of mass destruction

have examined the previously off-limits

presideotial sites, that was not the core

hiological, chemical and nuclear and missile systems to deliver them. 'We need to bear in mind that even if

the inspections of the palaces went reasonably well, that is not the issue," Mr. "The issue is whether Iraq will ever come clean about what they imported

and what they destroyed, so that the United Nations can clarify the huge gap between what they think is in Iraq and what Iraq says it can prove has been This issue is about positive com-

pliance, about coming forward with information that will climinate the ambiguities that involve huge amounts of material that could make huge amounts

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Paula Jones To Appeal **Clinton Suit**

DALLAS - A tearful Paula Jones said Thursday that she would ask an appeals court to reverse a judge's dismissal of her lawsuit and force President Bill Clinton to stand

trial for sexual harassment. She said that she had decided to appeal despite the emotional toll on her family because she wanted "justice and my day in court" and because her case also "affects women other than myself." "I believe what Mr. Clinton did

to me was wrong, and the law protects women who are subjected to that kind of abuse of power," Mrs. Jones said.

Her decision to appeal a federal judge's decision sets the stage for a lengthy extension of ber legal battle over an alleged botel-room advance hy Mr. Clinion when he was govemor or Arkansas in 1991.

Her voice breaking as she pronounced the word "appeal," Mrs. Jones finished her statement Thursday in Dallas, where her attorneys are based, only after taking several moments to compose herself. Her husband, Stephen, came to

her side and put a hand on ber See CLINTON, Page 12

State Department spokesman, said in an See G-7, Page 12

Poorer countries are not eager to sub-

lance, and even improved monitoring

may not keep up with the speed of globalization. Financial watchdogs, in-

cluding the IMF, may not be able to

accurately track a globalized system of

interdependent economies, multi-trillion-dollar money flows and real-

time electronic data that can generate

The U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert

Rubin, who together with his G-7 col-leagues and the IMF is laying the groundwork for an overhaul of the

tidal waves of currency speculation.

U.S. Faces Bolder Latin America At Hemisphere Summit, Clinton to Join Assembly of Equals

Building a New Financial 'Architecture'

G-7 Meeting Pursues an Early-Warning System to Avert Economic Crises

emerged as the other major theme. The phrase is an umbrella term for

improving the availability of financial

data, strengthening the supervision of

U.S. wonders how to keep dollar

banking systems in developing countries,

and trying to get the private sector to bear

Yet the stewards of the global econ-

omy seem to be finding that, scramble as

they may to reassure markets, investors

and a recalcitrant U.S. Congress that

they are on the case, barriers remain.

more of the brunt of financial crises.

strong while lifting yen. Page 13.

By Anthony Faiola and Steven Pearlstein Washington Post Service

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

nance ministers from around the world have been trying to draw lessons from the Asian crisis and create a better

"early-warning system" for crisis pre-vention. In doing so they have intro-

duced a new buzzword into the lexicon

were Topic A in most of the meetings this

week here of the Group of Seven finance

ministers and the International Monetary

Fund, designing a new architecture for

the international financial system

Although Japan's economic woes

of global finance -- "architecture."

WASHINGTON -- All week, fi-

SANTIAGO - President Bill Clinton, in the Chilean capital for the second Summi of the Americas, is in a decidedly different position from that of previous visiting U.S. presidents. Suddenly, not only is Uncle Sam speaking softly in these parts, but he's carrying a small stick.

President Eduardo Frei welcomed Mr. Clinton

to his palace Thursday, starting a two-day state

visit ahead of the weekend summit meeting, which will be attended by 34 Western Hemisphere na-tions. The schednle for Mr. Clinton's state visit includes a speech to a joint session of Chile's Congress on Friday. More than any other issue on the summit meeting table here this weekend, the quest to create a Free Trade Area of the Americas from Alaska to

Tierra del Fuego by 2005 underscores the new, more equal relationship forming between the United States and Latin America. In developing a format for talks aimed at creating the world's largest free-trading bloc - the details of which are to be announced this weekend - the United States has granted significant concessions to its negotiating partners. In essence, to

By Marc Bloom

New York Tones Service

one of the premier distance races in the United

States, Kenyan men captured six of the first eight

NEW YORK - At the 1997 Bolder Boulder,

keep the process moving, Washington bowed to a number of demands made by the Latin nations, especially Brazil, an industrial powerhouse with an economy larger than Russia's.

The event that brought this about — congressional rejection of "fast-track" legislation that would have granted Mr. Clinton sweeping powers to negotiate free-trade agreements - may have given an important psychological lift to the idea of hemispheric free trade, analysts say. Latin Americans, who historically had felt hullied or ignored by the United States, realized that U.S. officials would be coming to the negotiating table in a significantly weakened position — one that could be turned to their advantage.

Latin America is unifying and strengthening. and there is a sense they will no longer allow themselves to be forced in anything" by the United States, said Jan Heirman, an official with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. "They feel they are coming at this from a position of strength.

The format for the summit meeting reflects that reality. No longer are the countries of Latin America lining up, in effect, to negotiate individually

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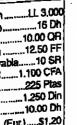
PARIS - Alain Robert, a stunt climber known as the "Spiderman," scaled the 23-meter Obelisk on Paris's Place de la Concorde on Thursday "freestyle" - and then was arrested. The Frenchman, who has climbed high huildings and structures around the world, incloding the Eiffel Tower (seen in the background) and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, made a phone call from 75 feet up.





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places. The year before, eight of the top 10 finishers were Kenyans. Demoralized by the dominance of the Kenyans, and frustrated that the talented but tacitum runners from Kenya were perceived as marketing liabilities by the race's corporate sponsors, the organizers of the race decided that something had to be done.

This year, only three runners from Kenya or any other foreign country can compete, while Americans will be allowed unlimited entries in a new team racing format.

And so, while the Kenyans may still sweep the top three places next month, the race has been altered to give Americans a greater shot at some of the \$32,000 in prize money. Indeed, any American finishing in the top five will earn double the normal

"We hope to level the playing field," said Bill Reef, the director of the May 25 race in Boulder. 'It's our country, our event, our money. American

Kenyans Run Into Roadblock as Races Demand 'American Winners' sponsors want American winners, or at least Americans among the top finishers."

To the Kenyan runners, the change in format is the latest example of a broader campaign in recent years aimed at excluding foreign runners - most

chance against the world's best.

importantly elite Kenyan runners - from fully team running format that excluded Kenyans. The open competitions and thus limiting their fairly won earnings. To them, the effort is racist, against the spirit of competition and, in the end, tantamount to sur-

render by American sports officials who are, in

effect, conceding that American runners have no

The efforts at limiting the presence of Kenyans, and with it the money they are making, has taken a variety of forms.

Last summer, the George Sheehan 5-mile (8kilometer) race in Red Bank, New Jersey, used a 15-kilometer Gate River Run in Jacksonville, Florida, and the Pittsburgh Marathon now award prize money only to Americans. The 15-kilometer Gasparilla Distance Classic in Tampa, Florida — without an American men's winner since 1989 —

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Asian Crisis Humbles Thai Business Dynasty

By Joseph Kahn
New York Times Service

ANGKOK - Photos of the Thai king adom the walls of most local companies and homes. But at Wanglee Co., that honor is reserved for the sage, sepia-toned likeness of Tan Siew-Wang, forefather of one of Thailand's most famous business clans.

Mr. Tan sailed to Thailand from southern China more than 130 years ago, and he died early this century. But his portrait is not all that remains. The family dynasty he started, known by the Thai-Chinese name Wanglee, is now in its fifth gen-

With interests that span manufacturing, agriculture, real estate and banking, the Wanglees are as well known here today as the Carnegies or the Rockefellers were in America a century ago.

They have kept their sprawling empire intact through loyalty to Mr. Tan's conservative business philosophy, the canon of which can be summed up in four words: Thou shalt not sell. The Wanglees still own every parcel of (and that Mr. Tan bought, and they have never offered outsiders large stakes in their companies.

"What belonged to our family 100 years ago still belongs to us." says Vunichai Wanglee, a fourth-generation heir and managing director of Wanglee Co., which still uses the riverside trading house where Mr. Tan worked. "It is our culture oot to risk what great-grantfather built." what great-grandfather built."

This all-in-the-family rule has served the Wang-lees well through several wars, the Japanese occupation and a dozen military coups. But it will oot survive the Asian financial crisis. Faced with an ultimatum by the Thai central bank to raise fresh capital, the Wanglees are reluctantly

preparing to sell a controlling stake in Nakomthon Bank, the family's crown jewel, for a fraction of the price it would have brought a year ago.

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"Our ancestors could never have imagined that it would come to this," said Thamnu Wanglee, the bank's president, slowly shaking his head. "But they also could never have imagined such a crisis." HE SALE will do more than embarrass a member of the Thai business aristocracy. The collapse of Asian financial markets bas struck a blow - a fatal one, some econ-

omists say — against perhaps the most outstanding feature of Thai business: the domination by a few wealthy Chinese families, and the cozy octwork that, As in Indonesia, ethnic Chinese represent a small

fraction of the Thai population but straddle every line of business. Nowhere is that as true as in banking. Twelve of the 15 commercial banks are Chinese family operations. The Wanglees' Nakomthon Bank is relatively small, with about \$2 billion in assets. But shareholdings in even the largest banks, led by Bangkok Bank and Thai Farmers Banks, are structured to ensure family control.

Even in diverse family empires, banks are the prized possession. Thailand bas oot granted a new full-service banking license in 40 years, creating a family-directed plutocracy of 15 that rivals the Finance Ministry in their power.

"Owning a bank is one step removed from roy-alty." a longtime banker here said.

But roday, many blame that insular system for the country's financial troubles. Family banks uften make loans based on relationships - so-called name lending — giving more weight to a company patriarch's reputation, and the collateral he offers. than to business plans and cash flow. Critics say such outdated practices allowed That companies to rack up too much debt and pumped air into real estate and stock market bubbles.

The Thai government is determined to change the system, clearing a path for Western banks in this long-cloistered market. The International Monetary Fund has made an overhaul a central condition of its \$17.2 billion bailout package.

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Vorawee Wanglee, chief executive of Nakornthon Bank in Bangkok. Faced with an ultimatum by Thailand's central bank to raise capital, the Wanglee family must sell its controlling stake in the bank - the first sale ever of the family's varied assets.

The changes are already striking. The central bank nationalized four banks this year, wiping out founding-family shares. Two other banks bave fallen ioto foreign hands, one to the Dutch banking giant ABN-AMRO and the other to the Singapore Development Bank. The rest are scrambling to raise funds in a way that ensures long-term family control, but few see that as a realistic possibility for more than one or two of them.

"The era of family banking is over," says Amaret Sila-On, head of a government body overseeing disposal of nonperforming bank assets. "Whether the families like it or oor. Thailand now needs professionals at the helm.

In his final days, Mr. Tan established Wanglee Co. as a perpetual corporation, making all his descendants — there are about 200 today — equal shareholders, the better to prevent infighting that might splinter the company.

As if to stress continuity, Wanglee Co, remains where it was a century ago, on a pier by the river. Big business decisions are said to be communal,

Still practicing primogeniture, the oldest member of the oldest generation serves as family umpire. Sukit Wanglee, 68, the de facto headman who also serves as chairman of the family's agricultural trading company, calls regular Sunday meetings at a Wanglee compound in central Bangkok.

When the family's bank was registered in 1933. Thailand had only one other commercial bank. And the Wanglee Bank, as it was called then, had modest ambitions. It financed the family's exports and took deposits from relatives and a coterie of Chinese

When the family sought to expand the bank's horizons in the 1970s, it changed the name to the more generic Nakornthoo and entered a seven-year alliance with Citibank. The American bank installed credit and accounting systems, while the Wanglees remained in control.

Noce of the family's innate caution, it turns out, prepared the Wanglees for Thailand's financial

A few weeks after the baht was driven off its peg

to the U.S. dollar last July, the bank's main clients almost half in the manufacturing business — began delaying loan payments. Vorawee Wanglee.

the current chief executive, said in an interview.

"We bave tried to be patient, to work with them oo restructuring." he said. "But the situation keeps

Amid a general bloodletting on the Thai stock exchange, the market has savaged Nakornthon. The bank would bave commanded a purchase price of about \$600 million in early 1996. Today, shares trade at a tenth that level. The value of the Wanglees' controlling stake, estimated at about 40 percent, bas tumbled in tandem.

UT THE FINAL blow came from Thailand's central bank. After years of loose regulation, the central bank has required local banks to begin adhering to the most stringent international accounting standards. The terms, like capital adequacy and accrual periods, are technical, but the results for the Wanglees are personal: The standards require that they put up capital in excess of their current stake in the bank or risk losing it.

Though congenial by nature, the Wanglees do not disguise their cootempt for the government's ac-

"I do not oppose the new rules in principle,"
Thamnu Wanglee said. "But when they push all
these new requirements on us all at ooce, well, you
are simply pushing all the Thai banks into foreign

To save face during their first-ever sale of a family business, the Wanglees are seeking a "trusted" foreign partner who will keep Vorawee and Thamnu Wanglee as top executives. But many analysts doubt that the family members will remain in management past a transition period.

Most family members say they are resigned to the

"It is a loss of face," Vorawee Wanglee said. 'But wouldn't it be an even bigger loss of face if the bank were confiscated by the government?"

Air Controllers' Doubts Delay New U.S. System

By Matthew L. Wald New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Federal Aviation Administration has agreed to delay the phase-in of a \$1 billion air traffic modernization project until it can reach agreement with the controllers who cootend that the new equipment is less capable than the 30-year-old equipment it is meant to replace.

The project involves the installation of new radar screens and related equipment at 20 air traffic control centers that handle all the bigb-altitude flights across the country. The agency and the con-trollers have long boped that the equipment would provide oew compoter tools to belp air traffic move more freely and to reduce passengers' travel time.

It remained unclear bow long the aviacion agency would delay the phasein or how loog it would take to resolve problems with the computer equip-

After squandering billions on failed modernization efforts in the 1980s and early 1990s, the agency has been eager to use the project, called Display System Replacement, to demonstrate that it can field new equipment on time and on budget. But the coorrollers unioo has contended for almost a year that the oew radar screens bave flaws in many areas, including software and the shape of their work-station furniture.

The union, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, has maintained that if the system were put into use. controllers would be forced to limit the oumber of planes they handled, causing.

On Tuesday, the controllers walked out of talks with the agency, declaring that they had reached an impasse on the equipment, which they called "operationally unacceptable.

Under an agreement reached Wednesday after the aviation agency was questioned about the controllers' complaints, the agency said it would switch on the system in June as schednled, but only in Seattle. Uotil the software features and other problems are resolved, the new screens will be used only late at night, when few planes fly.

Separately, the union and the agency are oegotiating a labor contract governing bours, wages and other issues. Wheo asked if the contract had played a role, Monte Belger, the acting deputy administrator of the agency replied tersely, "We're in cootract negoti-

The new system will oot be used at ceoters other than Seattle until the equipment issues are resolved, the agency said.

The equipment has been installed and controllers have been trained to use it in Atlanta, Denver and Salt Lake City, Utah. The equipment was to be fully in use in New York in July 1999, and Boston, the last center, in May 2000.

The agency wants to replace the old equipment because it is prone to breakdowo, and many replacement parts are no longer made. Also, the oew screens can show color, which creates many possibilities, like showing all the planes going west in one color and those going east in another, or displaying thunderstorms in a distinctive way.

The cootrollers say they are eager for new equipment for the same reasons. But they say that when they saw the

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equipment last summer, and again when the final version of the software was tested last month, they were horrified

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For example, each airplane on the screen is accompanied by a text block giving its identity, type and other information. In the old system, if two blocks overlap, a cootroller can separate them with a few quick-motions. But in tests with the new system, overlapping blocks become "a blob of data," said James Schwitz, executive vice president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Also, he said, the new computer, like the old system, can project lines representing where the plane will be in the next two minutes, or four or six. But with the new system, if those lines overlap, or if they overlap other lines, like those representing sector boundaries or air routes, the projecting lines effec-tively disappear. Without the projections, the controller conflicts be

FAA Proposes Wiring Change On Early 737s

WASHINGTON - The Federal Aviation Administration proposed mandatory changes Thorsday in the fuel system wiring and vent systems of early model Boeing 737s, the most commonly used commercial airplane in the world

The proposed airworthiness directive, which grew out of the investigation of the crasb of TWA Flight 800, would require installation of electrical surge suppression systems or the shieldi and separation of wiring routed to the plane's fuel tanks from nearby wing.
In addition, the directive would require the installation of flame arresters

fuel vent system, steps aimed at keeping flames outside the 737 from cotering the fuel system via wing-tip fuel vents. The proposed directive, which would require compliance within one year, has now entered a 45-day comment period.

and pressure relief valves in the plane's

The aviation agency estimated the cost of the changes at \$36,000 per plane. Both orders stem from the investigatioo into the explosioo of TWA Flight 00 and mirror a proposed airworthioess directive the ageocy issued for older Boeing 747s in November.

While investigators do not know what caused the TWA Boeing 747 to explode off New York in July 1996, killing all 230 aboard, they are concerned that sparks could get into a plane's center fuel tank via damaged wires or electrica jolts that jump from power lines

nearby low-waitage fuel gauge wires.

The new directive would apply to
Boeing 737-100, -200, -300, -400 and -500 seriés aircraft, which all have the same kind of fuel systems. There are 1,140 such aircraft registered in the United States and 2,800 worldwide. The directive would oot apply to newer 7374, the latest of which is the 737-900 series.

A Boeing spokesman, Russ Young. said the airplane maker was already working on the issues itself and would cooperate with the aviation agency.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

No End in Sight to Japan Air Strike Europe

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese pilots and managers dug in their heels Thursday as a strike over a wage dispute at All Nippon Airways ran into the 11th day with no sign of an end

Osaka and Rome.

Since the strike began, 66 flights have been canceled, disrupting travel by 13,200 passengers. All of the passengers were rebooked on other airlines, officials said.

Warsaw Leaning to Tram Network

WARSAW (Reuters) - Warsaw's city government prefers

wARSAW (Retters) — warsaw's city government prefers to build a fast trolley network rather than expand the subway with two costly new lines, officials said Thursday.

Newspapers said that officials of the traffic-congested city supported an urbao planning study proposing a cheaper system of rapid trams over 61 kilometers (38 miles) of track instead of planned east-west subway lines under the Vistula River.

Corrections

An Associated Press article in Wednesday's editions said an opposition newspaper publisher in Camerooo, Pius Njawe, was sentenced to jail and fined for erroneously reporting that President Paul Biya suffered from heart troubles. Although Mr. Njawe was convicted, he maintains that the December article in his newspaper, the French-language Le Messager, was accurate in reporting that Mr. Biya suffered from unspecified heart problems while attending a Cameroon soccer match.

in sight.

The opposing parties have not met since the strike began.
Six flights were canceled Thursday, said a spokesman for
All Nippon Airways. They affected 1,200 passeogers on rips
between Tokyo and New York, Tokyo and Singapore and

Critics say even improved surface trams would not resolve traffic jams in the fast-growing city.

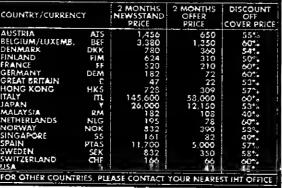
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Academic Post, Saying Inquiry Won't End Yet

WASHINGTON - The independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, said Thursday that the end of his wide-ranging investigation of President Bill Clinton was "not yet in sight" and that he was giving up an academic post to continue the inquiry.

Mr. Starr signaled he was digging in his heels at a brief news conference outside the federal courthouse here. Already under fire for his prosecu-

iorial tacocs in an investigation of Mr. Clinton that has lasted nearly four years at a cost of more than \$30 million, Mr. Starr said he felt a duty to continue. He said he had therefore informed

Pepperdine University in California that he would forgo a law school deanship he had hoped to assume Aug. 1.

"I had eagerly looked forward to spending many happy years at Pep-perdine after completing my duties as independent counsel," he said. "The work of that office has expanded considerably, however, and the end is not yet in sight."

He said the university, which first

offered him the post last year, was willing to hold it open indefinitely. But he said he rejected the offer because "I am one who believes in moral commitments, and I am living up to those commitments.

Mr. Starr had been widely criticized because the post he had planned to accept was partly funded by Richard Mel-Ion Scaife, one of Mr. Clinton's fiercest conservative enemies.

Mr. Starr said last year that he was aware the Scaife Foundation provided the funds, but indicated that he saw no conflict of interest. The foundation bas financed various organizations that have used media to promote theories about criminal conspiracies involving the Clintons,

When asked about Mr. Scaife on . Thursday, the independent counsel said: 'I bave never met birn. I have never talked to him, I had no arrangement implicit, explicit, direct or indirect with him.

Mr. Starr had been expected to report to Congress in late May on his inves-tigation into whether Mr. Clinton had a sexual relationship with a White House intern and tried to cover it up, as well as into alleged illegalities in Mr. Clinton's Arkansas business dealings. He gave no time frame for the end of his inquiry.



U.S.-CHILEAN COOPERATION - President Bill Clinton and President Eduardo Frei exchanging documents Thursday after signing bilateral agreements on trade, health and education in Santiago.

A Breast Cancer Risk: False Alarms

Over 10 Years, One-Third of Women Will Be Led to Fear a Tumor

By Rick Weiss Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON --- Nearly one-third of all American women who undergo annual breast cancer checkups for a decade can expect to get at least one false alarm, wrongly suggesting the presence of a tumor, according to new research that focuses on the hidden financial and emotional costs of breast cancer screening.

For women who rely entirely on X-ray mammograms, rather than a combination of mammograms and physical examinations, the incidence of these "false positive" findings is even higher, affecting half of all women by their 10th mammogram, the researchers conclude.

The new study, the most compre-hensive of its kind ever conducted, suggests that for every \$100 the naooo spends on breast cancer screening, an additional \$33 is spent on follow-up tests that ultimately show a seemingly positive result to be negative.

lı also highlights an enormous underappreciated emotional toll being exacled upon women, many of whom must endure weeks or even months of worry that they may have cancer before finally learning that they do not.

Joann Elmore, the University of Washington internist whose frequent interactions with women frightened by such diagnoses inspired her in inioate the study, said, "We've been spending efficacy and reducing mortality" by screening, "but we haven't been looking at the big picture, which includes the problems that come with false posit-

Several doctors said the results should not dissuade women from gelting breast exams, which have been proved conclusively to save lives by detecting cancer in its earliest and most curable stages. Some experts criticized the study, saying it exaggerated the drawbacks of breast cancer screening programs, which they said by necessity must err on the side of oversensitivity so that real cancers are not missed.

But even critics agreed with Dr. Elmore's call for improved techniques to reduce the rate of false positive results.
We've come to believe in this coun-

ry that the important thing is to avoid false negatives and we think false pos-ioves are painless," said George Annas, a professor of health law at the Boston University School of Public Health. But people always imagine the worst. These women go through hell. And we haven't taken these costs into account at all as we should."

Working with colleagues in Seattle and at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Elmore examined computerized medical records from 2,400 women, ages 40 10 69, who underwent regular breast cancer screening at a large health maintenance organization in Boston during a

A trainload of napalm that

triggered protests when it was

shipped halfway across the country

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fornia. The 12,000 gallons of jellied

gasoline, which authorities say is

not an explosive danger, was being

so much time looking at accuracy and 10-year period. They ranked mammograms or physical breast exam results as false positives if doctors had deemed them sufficiently suspicious to warrant follow-up tests at the time yet no cancer was diagnosed within the next 12 months. Nearly 20 percent of these non-cancerous women bad biopsies as part

of their follow-up testing.
On average, the 2,400 women had four mammograms and five physical breast exams each during the decade. All told, 32 percent had at least one false positive result. Those who bad 10 mammograms bad a 50-50 chance of having

a false positive result. The false positives led to 870 additional outpatient appointments, 539 follow-up mammograms, 186 ultrasound tests, 188 biopsies and one 15-day bospitalization for complications

resulting from a biopsy.

If the results are extrapolated to the U.S. population as a whole, the re-searchers concluded, then 16 million women can be expected to receive at least one false positive mammogram result every 10 years, and 7 million will get a false positive result from physical

east exams.
Using Medicare and HMO data, the researchers calculated that follow-up lests add 33 percent to the cost of breast cancer screening, an amount that could add up to hundreds of millions of dollars a year. They also cited evidence that false positives have significant emo-

tional impacts. "We need to develop ways to reduce the false positive rates of breast-cancer screening and their associated psycbological and economic costs," the authors wrote in the current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

In Sweden, they added, false positive rates are one-half to one-fifth those in the United States, with no apparent in-crease in missed cancers.

Stephen Feig, director of breast imaging at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and a spokesman for the American College of Radiology, said Dr. Elmore's study overstated the risks of breast cancer screening.

Follow-up tests are invaluable for ensuring that a breast is normal and for finding nascent cancers before they spread, Dr. Feig said, In Sweden, where the socialized medical system places limits on follow-up tests, cancers that are found tend to be more advanced than those in the United States, he added.

of anxiety caused by added mammograms or other follow-up tests. "There may be some anxiety from getting this extra view, but I'd submit that the anxiety is very slight," he said.

POLITICAL NOTES

Senator Catches On With Christian Right

WASHINGTON — Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of Missouri, has taken a commanding lead in the battle 10 win the support of Christian right leaders, eclipsing two better-known rivals in what amounts to the first Republican presidential primary for 2000.

Using his Senate seat as a pulpit to hammer on moral and budget issues, Mr. Ashcroft is laying claim to a conservative constituency also sought by the magazine heir Steve Forbes and former Vice President Dan Quayle. Loudest and clearest have been his attacks on President Bill Clinton, wbom he has called a sexual "predator,"

The most dramatic signal of Mr. Asbcroft's strength was the disclosure that the rebgious broadcaster Pat Robertson, chairman of the Christian Coalition, and his wife, Adelia, had

donated \$10,000 to Mr. Ashcroft's political action committee.

Interviews with Christian and social conscrvative leaders, many of whom are trying to agree on a single candidate to endorse before the start of the primaries, suggested that Mr. Ashcroft had far stronger support than his com-

Short-Lived Scandal Quote/Unquote

DENVER - Below the gilded dome of Colorado's Capitol, ii was business as usual for Governor Roy Romer this week, signing bills, vetoing a tax cut and endorsing Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

The normalcy contrasted with the furor that followed a February news conference at which Mr. Romer, who has been married for 45 years, acknowledged "very affectionate relationship" with a female aide. The story briefly flared across television screens.

people gathered at the capitol to wave protest signs, including one reading, "Real Men are Real Moral," But early in March a poll of Denver-area residents showed that the governor's "favorability" rating had not budged from its January level of 54 percent. (NYT)

then disappeared. One week after the

Feb. 6 news conference, about 250

President Clinmo, saying he wanted the Summit of the Americas in Santiago this weekend to guarantee that Latin America's "silent revolution" in free markets and democracy could be enjoyed by all of its citizens: "We need to show that democracy and free ence to the lives of common people. That means going beyond elections

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Away From

Politics

cing postponement of a two-week mission to study the brains and nervous systems of astronauts and a menagerie of 2,052 creatures, including rats and crickets. (AP) A tornado killed four people in

sister in their mobile home. At least

22 people were injured.

A data processor aboard the space shuttle Colombia failed, for-

Dr. Feig also discounted the amount northeastern Arkansas and western Tennessee, including a brother and

U.S. Seeks the Best of All Legal Worlds

But Insistence on the Supremacy of Its Laws Heightens Global Tensions

By David Briscoe The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - When it comes to international agreements, America wants it both ways - full compliance abroad, and the supremacy of U.S. courts, laws and regulations at home. The rejection of a World Court at-

tempt to slop the execucion of a Paraguayan citizen Tuesday was only the latest confrontation. U.S. laws are increasingly at odds

with much of the world on the death penalty, and the United States sometimes becomes the target of trade and envi-ronmental accords it helped to write. The United States is also meeting rowing resistance to its leadership of

the United Nations because of its failure

to pay more than \$1 billion in back UN dnes.
"The United States is a rather difficult partner in any international agreement," said Ted Galen Carpenter, a foreign policy analyst with the Cato Institute, which supports free trade and free enterprise. He said other countries bad difficulty understanding the com-plexity of U.S. decision-making, with

the administration, courts, Congress and state and local governments having their own powers.

Governor Jim Gilmore of Virginia

said be wanted to protect his state and the world from the convicted Paraguayan murderer, Angel Francisco Breard. so be allowed the execution by lethal

injection Tuesday night.
It was the second time in recent months that Virginia executed a foreign national without allowing him access to his government, in violation of an international treaty signed by the United States.

The execution has increased concern at the State Department that Americans who are

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accused abroad might be treated the same way. More than 3,000 Americans a year are

detained in other countries. In the Breard case, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright made public a letter she sent to Mr. Gilmore that requested a delay. She appealed again in a speech hours before the execution.

The governor was defiant, saying that to delay the execution "would have the practical effect of transferring responsibility from the courts of the Commonwealth and the United States to the international court."

Paraguay, which wanted a retrial, lashed out at the United States, calling the execution "a violation of international treaties and human rights." In addition to fearing for U.S. citizens

abroad, Mrs. Albright was seeking to ensure that the United States would not be perceived as thumbing its nose at the World Court.

In approving treades on issues that range from human rights to the banning of chemical weapons, Congress insists U.S. laws and regulations should always prevail.

The challenge for the world's only remaining superpower is to create an orderly world whose accords will be respected by its own courts, Congress,

governors and legislature of 50 states. "There are going to be times when certain agreements go against the United States," said Brian Johnson of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative policy institute that stresses preserva-tion of U.S. sovereignty. But the "bot-tom line," he said, was that the United States did not bave to abide by the

decisions of international bodies. One ruling that went against the United States came this month from the World Trade Organization, which was originally set up under U.S. leadership to break down trade barriers.

The U.S. trade representative, Charlene Barshefsky, said the ruling against a U.S. ban on some shrimp imports would not stop U.S. programs aimed against shrimp harvesting methods that

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Religious Conversions Recording a Steep Rise

Tim Slack, a Miami-area businessman, was so wound up by the daily challenges of the dog-eat-dog cor-porate world that he often lay awake at night in torment. Mr. Slack, 34, longed for the peace he saw in his molher-in-law, a Roman Catholic from Cuba, who gently advised him: Trust God.

So Easter weekend, he became a Roman Catholic. "I'm not chasing after the treasures of the American economy any longer," he said. "My primary focus now is on the treasures of God's kingdom.

Mr. Slack is far from alone. In his region, South Florida, the Catholic Church gained a record 2,000 converts during the Easter weekend, a traditional time for adult conversions. Nationwide, a growing number of Americans are exploring spiritual territory uncharted by their parents, reports The Miami Herald. In an age of geographic mobility, lifestyle freedom and interfaith marriage, Baptists are becoming Catholics, Hispanic Catholics are thronging to Pentecost-al storefront churches, Jews are practicing Buddhism and people who spent their childhoods in A.M.E. Zion churches are worshiping in

Muslim mosques. In all, one-third of American adults have converted from their childhood religious denomination to another one, according to polls by the National Opinion Research Center. That figure, according to a Princeton professor of theology, Robert Wuthnow, compares to perhaps a 10 percent conversion rate in the 1950s.

The shift appears especially clear among baby boomers. Mary Jo Klingel, a Fort Lauderdale psychotherapist who was raised Protestant and now attends Quaker meetings, expresses the sentiment motivating many boomers: "The Quaker idea of simplicity is something I'm strug-gling with," sbe said. "I'm trying to buy less, reuse more and get some of the excess out of my house. I don't need all these things."

Short Takes

Nevada has the highest suicide rate in the country, double the na-tional rate in 1995, the last year figures were available. But researchers say the blame cannot be laid at the doors of Nevada's glittery casinos. "We very seldom see gambling directly attached to a suicide," said Ron

Flud, the county coroner in Las Vegas. "The No. I reason for suicides here is failed relationships." Most calls to Nevada suicide botlines have to do with relationship, health or financial problems. Because Nevadans are exceptionally rootless, many have no one in turn to in troubled times.

In Montana, a Yellowstone National Park committee on grizzly bear management has endorsed a weapon of urban protection - pepper spray — for defense against the huge bears. The spray has already become popular among hikers, hunters and fishermen as an effective alternative to a firearm. The Yellowsione committee notes that the best sprays are those that make a loud hissing sound, issue a thick fog and contain 10 percent oleoresin capsicum.

Things may be changing in New Mexico, Land of the Endless Sale. Noting that some craft stores in the popular tourist state have been advertising 50-percent-off sales for 20 years or more, Attorney General Tom Udall is proposing a crackdown. He would permanently end "dubious price discounts" for such Indian souvenirs as pottery, jewelry and dolls. In 1996, \$145 million was spent in 1996 on Indian arts and crafts.

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UN Team To Withdraw From Congo

Annan Cites Obstruction Of Massacres Inquiry

> By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York -Secretary-General Kofi Annan has decided to withdraw the United Nacions team investigating massacres in Congo because of government obstruction.

UN sources said Mr. Annan would announce, probably Friday, that he was ending the eight-month effort to investigate reports that President Laurent Kabda's forces and their allies murdered thousands of Hutu refugees from oeigbboring Rwanda during the rebellion that toppled Zaire's longtime dictator, President Mobutu Sese Seko, last May.

Mr. Annan suspended the invesogation last week after Congolese authorities detained a Canadian member of the team.

The secretary-general is acting on the advice of his top advisers, including Mary Robinson, the UN bigh commissioner for buman rights, the sources added. They said senior UN officials agreed that the Kabila government's repeated breaking of promises to cooperate and its barassment of UN personne. bad made it impossible to complete an inquiry that would bave any credibility.

Mr. Annan's decision, as described by the UN sources, marked another demonstration of growing international disappointment with Mr. Kabila, whose takeover was seen as a chance for Congo to rise out of the chaos, corruption and poverty left by the late Marshal Mobutu's 32 years in power. President Bill Clinton, for instance, avoided Coogo during his recent Africa tour and expressed U.S. misgivings about political restrictions there when he met Mr. Kabila at a conference of beads of state in Entebbe, Uganda, Some UN officials said Mr. Kabila

and bis key aides, who believe Western powers conspired with Marshal Mobutu to keep them from power, apparently have become coovinced that their hopes of substantial financial aid will oot be fulfilled. According to this view, they therefore found no inceotive to cooperate with an investigation that could prove damaging to them and their allies

in the Rwandan government.
The United States, which sees the United Nations as an important instrument for exerting influence in Congo, had urged Mr. Annan to consider carefully wbether some way could be found to keep the investigation going, the sources said. The Clintoo administratioo bad called oo Mr. Annan earlier to handle Mr. Kabila with patience and a willingness to compromise, including agreeing to Mr. Kabila's demand for replacemeot of the UN team initially assigned to investigate the massacre allegations.

U.S. officials acknowledged Thursday nat the administration asked that the investigative team be permitted to finish its work on the theory that it would maintain the UN link to Coogo, the former Zaire, and help to start recoociliation in central 'Africa's volatile Great Lakes region. But, the officials insisted, Washingtoo made no demands and did oot pressure Mr. Annan to do its bidding.

Mr. Annan seot the team to Congo last August to look into allegations that during the seven-mooth gnerrilla campaign that brought Mr. Kabila to power, his forces, aided by the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Army, massacred large numbers of Hutu, including women and chil-dren, who fled Rwanda after the Tutsi woo control. Rwanda bas a long history of tribal animosity between Tutsi and Hutu, and the killings in Congo allegedly were part of a Tutsi retalizooo for the 1994 Hutu geoocide campaign that killed more than 500,000 Rwandan Tutsi.

Despite warnings from the Uoited States and European countries that future aid to rebuild the war-ravaged Congo depended on cooperation with the UN inquiry, Mr. Kabila's government repeatedly put obstacles in the path of the investigators. It delayed giving them permission to visit alleged massacre sites in eastern Coogo and repeatedly balted progress with disputes about the scope of the investigation and charges that the

team was desecrating graves. Escalating harassment came 10 a head last week when Congolese authorities detained a Canadian member of the team in the eastern city of Goma and then again at the Kinshasa airport. After Mrs. Robinson criticized the incident harsbly, Mr. Annan suspended the team's activities and instituted his review about whether to pull the plug on the entire



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What was identified Thursday as the body of Pol Pot, the former Khmer Rouge leader, in a Cambodian village.

POL POT: Facing Capture and Trial, Ex-Tyrant Is Found Dead

Continued from Page 1

"He's dead. That was Pol Pot," Mr. Thayer said in a phone interview shortly after be crossed the border back into Thailand. "There was no questioo that was Pol Pot."

Mr. Thayer said be had spent time questioning Mr. Pol Pot's wife and daughter, as well as the Khmer Rouge commander who replaced him as head of the outlawed guerrilla group, and that be believed the Khmer Rouge's reports that Mr. Pol Pot had died of natural

Mr. Thayer said he had inspected the body closely and seen no outward evidence of foul play. "I don't believe be was killed," he

'He'd been fleeing for the last 20 days under very difficult circumstances," Mr. Thayer said. "It would be very logical that be would succumb because he was a very sick man to begin

The initial skepticism surrounding reports of the Khmer Rouge leader's death showed how even in death, Mr. Pol Pot, the man deemed responsible for the deaths of 1.5 million to 2 million of his countrymeo — a third of the populatioo remained enigmatic.

Many people - Cambodians, scholars and members of the international community who had been planning for an international war crimes trial - expressed frustratioo that Mr. Pol Pot's in the process, try to decipher the roots of in 1979. The United States, through

Mr. Thayer, who has spent a decade tracking Mr. Pol Pot and who last year became the first journalist to interview him in 18 years, said: "A lot of questions died with him. Obviously, justice waso' served and now obviously can't be."

Some top-ranking Khmer Rouge leaders who assisted him, such as leng amounts of money and arms to revive the Sary, have defected to the government and are now living freely in Cambodia. The notorious commander Ta Mok,

'It would be very logical that he would succumb because he was a very sick man to begin with.'

remnants of the Khmer Rouge army, believed to number just a few hundred

But even while Mr. Pol Pot's death may have cheated his victims of a chance for justice, his death also avoids the troubling and embarrassing questions that a public airing of his crimes would oo doubt bave raised.

Hun Sen, the current Cambodian leader, was himself a Khmer Rooge soldier wbo defected.

King Norodom Sihanouk, who lost Pot's purges, agreed to serve as the oominal leader of the Khmer Rouge-led facdeath had robbed the world of the chance tioo that fought the Vietnamese occuto force him to answer for his crimes and, pation for more than a decade beginning

known as The Butcher, now leads the

several members of his family in Mr. Pol

3 Somali Warlords Attempt To Free Seized Foreigners

The Associated Press

NAIROBI - Three Somali warlords flew home Thursday to help to secure the release of a Somali aid worker and nine foreigners who were kidnapped in Mogadishu. Somali elders began negotiations

Wednesday bours after gunmen took away seven Red Cross workers, a Somali and two pilots wheo their aircraft landed in oorth Mogadishu. On Thursday, the International

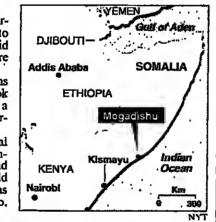
Committee of the Red Cross suspended all its acovities in Somalia and said its remaining foreign staff would be pulled out of the country as soon as possible, according to Josue Anselmo. a Red Cross spokesman in Nairobi. Three UN agencies --- including the

World Food Program and UNICEF also announced the suspensioo of flights into Mogadishu until further notice. Only the UN refugee agency and the European Uoion cootinued to fly into the Somali capital. UN officials, diplomats and

Somalis suspect the abductions were carried out by renegade members of the Abgal subclan based in oorth Mogadishu. The warlord Mohammed Ali

Mahdi, whose forces control oorth Mogadishu, said in Nairobi that he did not know about the kidnapping. He promised that the victims would be released immediately.
On Thursday, Mr. Ali Mahdi flew

back to Mogadishu with two other faction leaders, Hussein Mohammed Aidid and Osman Hassan Ali, known also kidnapped.



as Atto. They were apparently taken by surprise by the abductions, which occurred the same day that they were appealing to iotemational donors in Nairobi to belp finance Somalia's fragile peace process.

The kidnapping victims included an American of Somali origin. Ibrahim Ahmad, and a Norwegian Red Cross worker, Ola Skuterud, 56. The other aid workers were not identified, but they included a German, a Belgian, a Frenchman, two Swiss and a Somali.

They worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Somali Red Crescent. Two pilots, a Kenyan and a South African, were

Annan Tells Africans to Accept Blame

UNITED NATIONS, New York --African leaders must took beyond their colonial past and accept responsibility for many of the political, social and economic problems plaguing the continent, the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said Thursday.

Mr. Annan, a native of Ghana and the first sub-Saharan African to head the UN, also said the world community could help Africa by opening markets, providing new sources of funds and focusing aid on such "high-impact areas" as education, clean water and health.

In a report to the Security Council, Mr. Annan also said the disastrous fail-Somalia in 1993 should not discourage such UN operations in Africa.

"The memories of that operation continue to hobble the United Nations' capacity to respond swiftly and decisively recognition among Africans them-

He cited the world's sluggish re- self" and take responsibility for solving sponse to the ethnic slaughter in Rwanda in 1994, saying the "horrifying suffering of the Rwandan people" seods a strong signal that the world "must never political and economic power and the again tolerate such inaction."

Mr. Annan said UN successes in Namibia, Angola and elsewhere showed that the United Nations could play an effective role when member states muster 'the political will to intervene.'

The Security Council asked Mr. Annan to prepare the report following a meeting on Africa held in September during the annual General Assembly de-

In the report, Mr. Annan noted that ure of the UN peacekeeping operation in colonialism had left Africa without strong political institutions and had divided the continent without regard for ernance. traditional tribunal and cultural unity.

But he said there was a "growing

African leaders, he said, had too often resorted to "heavy centralization of uppression of political pluralism."

Predictably, political monopolies often led to corruption, nepotism, complacency and the abuse of power." he said. "A number of African states have continued to reply on centralized and highly personalized forms of government and some bave fallen into a pattern of corruption, ethnically based decisions and human rights abuses.

He urged African leaders to protect human rights, ensure fair and impartial enforcement of laws and strengthen their judiciaries to "promote good gov-

Mr. Annan said corruption had "skewed Africa's development" and that governments must "make the fight selves" that the continent "look at it- against entruption a genuine priority."

his followers in a sbow trial and beld under house arrest in the jungles of Anlong Veng in the remote north of the country — had ceased to be a major factor in Cambodia's pol-

by far the dominant partner.

And when Mr. Pol Pot's guerrillas

were near extinction on the Thai-Cam-

bodian border, China sent in large

Mr. Pol Pot - elderly, denounced by

Khmer Rouge.

His guerrillas bad long ago become more of a ouisance than a true military threat, capable of disrupting security in the outlying provinces but never considered capable of launching any serious attempts to seize power again.

Two weeks ago, a mutiny and defectioo by several thousand Khmer Rouge troops at Anlong Veng reduced the number of diehards led by Mr. Ta

The guerrillas, it seemed, bad wanted to use Mr. Pol Pot as a possible bargaining chip, offering to turn him over to an international tribunal, according to Mr. Thayer's report published in the Thursday issue of the Far Eastero Economic Review. His death thus raised immediate sus-

picions because of the timing.

First, the death came oo the eve of the anniversary of the Khmer Rouge takeover of Phnom Penh, April 17, 1975. And it followed reports that President Bill Clinton's administration was lining up world support for an intercational Pol Pot, whose real name was Saloth

family in Cambodia's Kompong Thom province, north of the capital. He weot to Paris in 1949 on a government scholarship to study radio technology.

In France in the 1950s, Mr. Pol Pot spent more time studying socialist politics than electronics and became eoamored with China's revolution under Mao Zedoog. He returned to Cambodia and became

immersed in leftist politics but fled to the jungle in the early 1960s after the gov-emment, then led by Prince Sihanouk, ruthlessly crushed leftist opposition in the capital. Mr. Pol Pot helped form an army, which Prince Sihanouk dubbed the "Red Khmers," as the Cambodian people are sometimes known, or "Khmer Rouge" in French.

Prince Sihanouk was overthrown in 1970 by General Lon Nol and, eager to return to his throne, he joined forces with the struggling Khmer Rouge, lending them credibility.

General Lon Nol's regime proved corrupt and incompetent, allowing the Vienam War to spread to Cambodian soil by permitting U.S. bombing of sus-Vietnamese weapons routes through Cambodia. The bombing, and General Lon Nol's abuses, drove more peasants into the ranks of the Khmer

After he took the capital in 1975, Mr. Pol Pot embarked on what he termed Cambodia's "Year Zero," banning any form of money, shutting temples and schools, banishing millions from the cities to hard labor in the countryside and executing anyone suspected of being middle-class, professional or religious or of having tinks to the old regime.

He also shut the borders, turning Cambodia into one of the most isolated countries in the world.

His dream was to build a Maoist-style Communist utopia; in reality, Cambodia was turned into a brutal killing field. where as many as 2 million perished through disease, starvation, forced labor or execution.

Mr. Pol Pot extended his brutality to attacks on Vietnamese border villages as the Kbmer Rouge tried to seize territory, prompting a Vietnamese invasion that toppled his regime in January 1979 and tivists.

left Mr. Pol Pot and his loyalists largely Pros isolated on the Thai border.

It was only in 1979 that the full story of the Khmer Rouge horror emerged, when the Victnamese conquerors allowed foreigners in to see the country and when and hundreds of thousands of sick and starving refugees poured into Thailand.

But with Chinese assistance, the Khmer Rouge regrouped into a potent army that waged a decade-long, low-level guerrilla war that ended with Vietnam's withdrawal in 1989 and a later peace deal between the warring fac- Botha's lawyer, Lappe Laubscher, read

The Khmer Rouge then pulled out of

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shadow over the oation that he all but destroyed.

The continuing violence, political feuds, corruptioo, and social fragility of Cambodia are his legacy. From 1975 to 1979, he and his black-clad followers killed off the country's educated classes. its

monks, its minority groups, its technicians and artists. Many more died of starvation, disease and overwork. Virtually every Cambodian alive today lost a relative.

This is a nation of 8 million victims of post-traumatic stress disorder. It is a natioo that has still not come to terms with its past, a land where torturers oow live side by side with their victims and the bones and

shrink from the idea of a trial, preferring not to look too closely at the borrors of their past or to disturb the demons of their present. Many people here insisted that this was all in the spirit of Buddhist forgiveness.

But reactions Thursday seemed to belie that apparent passivity.

Discussing a man whose name is still spoken in lowered voices, people said Thursday that they had boped for an three administrations, provided covert aid to that three-party resistance coalition even though the Khmer Rouge were

"He was an old man and be didn't have any power, so he was not frightening to me any more," said Ahmad Yahya, a member of Parliament who lost several brothers and cousins to the Khmer Rouge. "But I lament that he passed away, like

I lost something, lost some answers." Thursday was the final day of Cambodia's three-day New Year festival, and the streets of the provincial capital of Siem Reap were filled with merrymaking. In the park oear the Summer Palace of King Sthanouk and oo the walkways

surrounding the ancient temples of An-

gkor Wat, people splashed each other with water and white powder. It was a festival that had just been completed 23 years ago, on April 17, 1975, when the Khmer Ronge marched into the capital of Phnom Penh and emptied it of its 3 millioo resideots, launch-



skulls of the dead lie unburied in Pol Pot, when he was still ruling Camheaps on the sites of Mr. Pol Pot's bodia as head of the Khmer Rouge and killing fields. directing his state campaign of killings directing his state campaign of killings Many Cambodians seemed to

Many people among the crowds on Thursday had not yet heard the news of Thursday had not yet heard the news of Mr. Pol Pot's death. Some were skeptical, after years of rumors and disinformation from the Khmer Rouge headquarters. If the oews is true, said Crouch

Chanda, a secretary from Phnom Penh who was visiting the temples with her small daughter, she would be disap-

"When I heard on the Voice of America that he would be put oo trial I was very happy," she said. "He made many people suffer."

Bnt Mr. Chhang, who heads the Documentatioo Center of Cambodia : 1 private research office partly funded by the United States, said there were still accountings to be made.

After the defections of most of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas, a small core of Mr. Pol Pot's close lieutenants remains. at large in the Dangrek Mountains in oorthern Cambodia, close to the border of Thailand. "A lot of people think the death of Pol Pot is the end of the Khmer Rooge," Mr.

Chhang said. "That's not true. Ta Mok is still at large. Nuoo Chea. Khieu Samphan We should not let them escape justice. -

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ing their murderons regime.

with the United States about joining Canada and Mexico in an enlarged North American Free Trade Agreement, Instead, these talks will be multilateral, with the United States just one player and other countries free to participate individually or as blocs.

The result, although still only a framework for negotiations, illustrates an extraordinary maturing of U.S.-Latin reanalysts say. Symbolically, it brings a the free-trade train. Chile, for instance, respite to the perception of Uocle Sam as has struck bilateral accords with Canada

Brother to this part of the world. The situation is obviously different oow" than at the first Americas summit in Miami, President Frei said in an interview. He suggested that Latin America would proceed toward economic integratioo with or without the United

"We are going to lauoch the move-ment to reach this accord by 2005," Mr. Frei said, adding that Chile had agreed with the Clinton administratioo to advance the process in the talks.

He warned, however, that the problem of fast-track legislatioo "is going to have to be resolved along the way." "Regardless," he said, "the integration process is now practically im-

possible to stop. U.S. officials maintain that they have yet to give in to the Latin Americans oo anything concrete and that procedural concessions were necessary to win acquiescence for the creation of a study group to consider social, environmental and labor issues. Those issues are at the heart of opposition to free trade among congressional Democrats and were the

U.S. trade officials say that without ensuring some mechanism for interjecting those issues into the trade talks there was little chance that Congress would endorse a hemispheric free-trade pact.

sentiments that derailed the fast-track

legislation on Capitol Hill late last

"We have a moment to establish a geoeral partnership based on mutual trust and respect," said Thomas McLarry, the White House special envoy for the Americas. But "at some point, you certainly need to shape it and advocate U.S. interests.

The United States and Latin America

are moving toward a free-trade compact for distinct reasons. For the United States, a pole-to-pole free-trade zone would give it preferential access to the regioo's fast-growing markets and econ-omies. Latin business leaders, noting the receot economic troobles in Asia, have put themselves forward as an auractive alternative market for goods and a good place for investment.

The United States has watched, meanwhile, as Latin nations have decided not . lations through the prism of free trade, to wait for Washingtoo to leap aboard and Mexico, from 1990 to 1990, over trade doubled in Latin America, to \$493 billioo, according to the Inter-American Development Bank, with the spoils being shared largely within oew Latin American trading blocs — the largest being Mercosur, which encompasses Brazil, Argeotina, Paraguay and Unguay, and represents oearly two-thirds of the region's overall trade volume.

. For Latin America, the primary beaefit would be increased U.S. investment and, for consumers, cheaper American goods. Sncb nations as Argentina, Chile and Peru are eager for the kinds of benefits that came to Mexico as a result of NAFTA, including oew jobs and hightech factories built with U.S. dollars.

But there are forces in Latin America that oppose the idea of dropping trade barriers, in countries both big and small In large nations, such as Brazil, domestic companies that bave long enjoyed a captive marketplace do not want to surrender their advantage to U.S. competition. There is resistance on some negotiating

issues in the United States as well, chiefly arising from labor concerns. Thea Lee. the assistant director for public policy at the AFL-CIO, says, for example, that the trade committee on labor issues may be no more than window-dressing aimed at appeasing Democrats in Congress.

Our view is that this could be a positive step if it turns out to be a stepping-stone to bave the concerns of labor and environmental groups reflected in the final agreement," said Ms. Lee.
"But it is not acceptable if all we get is a committee and nothing more by way of results. Our sense, frankly, is that the Latin American ministers still have great hostility 10 considering worker rights and workplace safety issues.

Trial Is Delayed, Angering Botha

GEORGE. South Africa -- The trial of former President Picter Botha was postponed Thursday until June I to give a subpoena to testify before the Truth Mr. Botha's lawyers time to study documents that indicate a council he headed had authorized the killings of black ac-

Prosecutors asked for the postponement so that documents could be presented to defense lawyers. While Mr. Botha's lawyers said they opposed a sion executive secretary Paul van Zyl. postponement. Magistrate Victor explained why the panel believed it nec-Lugaju decided to fulfill the prosecution "We know that justice delayed is

stances. I have no option but to postpone," Magistrate Lugaju said. The case was scheduled to resume June 1. After the court adjourned, Mr.

a statement from Mr. Botha. the case unacceptable because it will re- tolerated."

sult in untested allegations being senf out into the world," Mr. Laubscher said. Mr. Botha, 82, is on trial for ignoring

is investigating apartheid-era political crimes. The case has focused on statements by former ministers and security police that torture and murder were of ficially sanctioned under Mr. Botha

The first witness, the Truth Commisessary to subpoena Mr. Botha.

He said the commission had collected evidence of 1.965 acts of torture by justice denied, but under the circum- security forces between 1980 to 1989. when Mr. Botha headed the State Sccurity Council - an inner cabinet that coordinated the crackdown on black liberation groups.

"We would have wanted to inquire" statement from Mr. Botha.

Of Mr. Botha, he told the state prosThe accused would like to place on
ecutor, Bruce Morrison, "whether totthe elections and returned to the record that he finds the postponement of ture was state policy or torture was just

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EUROPE

·U.S. Turns to Russia-Latvia Dispute

Moscow's Hardball Tactics Prove Popular in Domestic Politics

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The United States has been working quietly with other nations to defuse a growing confrontation between Russia and Latvia that threatens to damage Washington's already fraying relationship with Moscow.

The Latvian cubinet agreed Wednesday on important changes in its citizenship laws to answer Russian contentions there, senior U.S. officials said. The legislation, which is subject to approval by Parliament, would grant citizenship to all children born in Latvia after Aug. 21. 1991, and would make it easier for Russian-speakers to become naturalized.

MOSCOW - Unidentified gun-

men killed a Russian general and

three fellow officers and wounded

seven other servicemen Thursday in

an amhush in the Caucasus region of North Ossetia, a Defense Ministry

the acting interior minister. Sergei

Stepashin, as saying that the attack

could have been an attempt by a rad-

ical field commander in the nearby

secessionist region of Chechnya to

derail peace talks between Chechnya

A ministry spokesman said that the

gunmen anacked a military column

early Thursday about five kilometers

(three miles) from the Mozdok air

base, Russia's biggest military install-

alioo in the volatile southern region.

Lieutenant General Viktor Proko-

The Interfax news agency quoted

spokesman said.

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In Attack in Caucasus

White House officials have grown putes—and curing off some shipments increasingly concerned over Moscow's of oil to Latvia. bullying rhetoric and factics against charter that President Bill Clintan signed Jan. 16 with the Baltic nations of Estonia. Latvia and Lithuania, which regained their independence when the So-

viet Union collapsed in 1991. The State Department spokesman, that Latvia mistreats Russians who live James Rubin, said sanctions would be counterproductive. The two countries should work out their problems through diplomatic channels." he said.

The Russians have said they will take steps including asking for the unmediate repayment of debts - which Riga dis-

nenko of the Russian General Staff

was killed when the attackers fired at

cars with grenaile launchers, the

that Colonel General Nikolai Mukh-

in, deputy commander of the artillery

and missile arm of Russia's ground

Russian news agencies said that the

attackers had escaped without sul-

fering casualties. Interfax quoted Mr.

Stepashin as saying that the attack

prohably had been carried out by a

group of Chechen guerrillas not con-

trolled by the separatist government

in Grozny, and that it probably was

aimed at disrupting peace negoti-

Interfax quoted the Chechen lead-

er, Aslan Maskhadov, as denouncing

the attack and denying any connec-

forces, had been badly wounded.

Earlier Thursday, Interfax reported

spokesman said.

The underlying fear, Latvian officials Latvia," including threats of economic say, is that if the Russians can get away sanctions, an official said, Washington, with Soviet-style factics to put pressure sees the crisis as an important test of the on Larvia without a significant response from the United States or Europe, they will try it on others.

> Since a demonstration by a few thousand Russian-speaking residents of Latvia was broken up by police March 3 - a demonstration that some in Washington say Moscow had organized --Russia has likened Latvia's treatment of its ethnic Russians to life in Cambodia under the genocidal rule of Pol Pot in the

> Russian officials, led by President Boris Yeltsin, have turned up the pressure im Latvia in ways reminiscent of the Soviet Union - a move that has proved very popular at home.

The state secretary of the Lawian Foreign Ministry, Maris Rickstins, who is in Washington to discuss the matter with U.S. officials, said that attacking Latvia "is unfortunately the one issue that has managed to unite Russia's government. Parliament and media.

So far, Washington has tried quiet diplomacy, with Mr. Clinton writing the Latvian president, Guntis Ulmanis, last week and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright writing a sharply worded letter to Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov of Russia that was delivered Wednes-

In her letter, Mrs. Albright said Washington was concerned about the dangerous trend of rising tensions between Russia and Latvia and warned against the use of sanctions.

The United States, the Nordic countries and Britain, as the current president of the European Union, have all lodged profests with Moscow, officials said.

The proposed changes by the Laivian cabinet, encouraged by Western officials and recommended by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, may be enough to promote a dialogue between Moscow and Riga and calm matters down, the officials said.

BRIEFLY



HOMECOMING - Bosnians who returned to Dobrinja, a suburb of Sarajevo, peering Thursday through the shattered windows of the homes they lived in before the war and which they have reclaimed.

2 Resettled Bosnian Serbs Killed delinquency. The government is expected to announce in late May whether it will act on the proposals. (AP)

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina - Two Bosnian Serbs who had recently returned to their prewar home in Yeltsin Standing by Kiriyenko western Bosnia were found dead in their burning house Thursday, international officials said.

The man and woman both had been shot in the back, and the man also had stab wounds. Alexander Ivanko, a United Nations spokesman, said. The victims had complained to a second time in voting set for Friday, international police about intimidation by Croats, according to a Western diplomat who spoke on condition of an-

The deaths in the town of Dryar are the latest evidence of problems in the resettlement process in Bosnia. More than 30 Serb houses in Drvar have been burned this year. (AP)

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin warned lawmakers Thursday that he would again propose Sergei Kiriyenko for prime minister if Parliament rejects his candidate

The president has no candidate except Sergei Kiriyeoko," Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said according to the Interfax news agency. The spokesman quoted Mr. Yelisin as saying that the current political standoff "costs Russia dearly from an economic and financial point of view.

Mr. Kiriyenko met Thursday with Communists and other factions in the State Dunia in an anempt to bolster support in advance of Friday's vote.

Jail for Delinquents' Parents?

PARIS - The government is considering stiff fines or even jail terms for parents of juvenile delinquents as part of a hid to curb a dramatic rise io urban violence in France. Two Socialist deputies presented Prime Minister Lionel Jospin with a 250-page report Thursday outlining ways of

curbing youth violence.

For the Record

Zoran Zigle, 39, a Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect, was handed over Thursday to NATO forces in Bosnia to be transferred to the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague. He The report proposes fines and jail terms of up to two years for parents deemed to have neglected children who fall into northwestern Bosnian town of Banja Luka.

(AFP)

Parliament Votes to Investigate Ciller

ANKARA - Turkey's Parliament voted Thursday to begin an investigation of former Prime Minister Tansu Party walked out of Parliament in a Ciller on corruption charges that could lead to a trial against her in the country's debate before the vote.

highest court. "The motion has been accepted." said Hasan Korkmazcan, the parliamenlary speaker, in annouocing the result of a show of hands in the National As-

Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz's Motherland Party had charged that Mrs. iller and her businessman-husband had accumulated vast wealth while she was in the government from 1993 to 1996.

Mrs. Ciller denies any wrongdoiog and says the accusations are an attempt

The High Is Lower:

Marijuana Use by

Dutch Is Declining

Agence France-Presse

of Dutch people who use marijuana

now is less than half that cited in

past studies, according to a report published Thursday by the Univer-

lis Cenier for Drug Research showed that between 2 percent and

3 percent of the people over the age

of 12 had used marijuana, compared with previous estimates of 5 to 6

percent. The results indicated that

there was less use of the soft drug in

the Netherlands than in the United

States, where between 4.2 percent

and 5.3 percent of the population

over 12 had used the drug as of last

the Dutch report, said he con-

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Small quantines of marijuana -

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Peter Cohen, one of the writers of

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AMSTERDAM - The number

to undermine her politically. She had the right to address Parliament on Thursday to defend herself hut did not turn up. Deputies from her rightist True Path

Earlier, in a move to topple her con-servative arch-rival, Mr. Yumaz. Mrs. Ciller said that her party would ask

Parliament for early elections. Elections are oot due until the end of 2000. But Mr. Yilmaz received a pledge of continued backing from a lefrist party

that should keep afloat his alliance, which has been under sustained pressute from the opposition for 10

Deniz Baykal, the leftist leader, said at a news conference that the Republican People's Party would continue with the approach it has taken since the Yilmaz government was formed last June. Mr. Baykal had previously threateoed to drop his support for the government if Mr. Yilmaz did not call elections this year.

The growing belief that the government will avoid early elections has strengtbened Turkey's touchy financial markets. Islanhul's share index hit a high, up 7.08 percent at 4,092.40, after Mr. Baykal's comments Thursday.

The government needs the support of Mr. Baykal and his party's 55 deputies for a majority in Turkey's 550-seat Parliament. Mr. Baykal pledged to back the iax reforms and anti-Islamisi measures that are Mr. Yilmaz's priorities.

Ulster Poll Backs Accord

Unionist Leader Says Pact Is 'as Fair as It Gets'

Ageni e Frank e-Presse BELFAST - Northern Ireland's mosi prominent Protestant leader began the task Thursday of selling a historic peace deal to his divided constituency as

a poll suggested there was overwhelming public support for it. Bolsiered by the newspaper survey indicating 73 percent of the province hacked the deal, David Trimble of the Ulster Unionis! Party insisted, "This agreement is as good and as fair as it gets." He added: "It would be quite

foolish even to contemplate other alternatives. This party is not going to abandon the opportunity that is there. By common consent. Mr. Trimble has one the hardest tasks of all political leaders in Northern Ireland in persuaduig Protesianis to back the senlement in

a referendum May 22. The deal to which he agreed last Friday was a compromise between the ambitions of pro-British unionists, mainly Protestant, and those who seek a united Ireland, mainly Roman Catholic.

Although the proposals would see the province remain part of Britain, it would also formalize a role for the Irish government in the North's affairs, which is anothema to hard-line unionists.

On Wednesday, a key Protestant group, the Orange Order, which has 80,000 members in the province and a large membership overlap with the Ul-ster Unionist Party, said it could not recommend the deal as it stood.

The same day, the Reverend Ian Paisley, firebrand leader of the second main Protestant party, the Democratic Unionisis, began his campaign for a "No" vote in the referendum, accusing Mr. Trimble of betraval.

But a poll published Thursday suggested such hard-line stances might be out of step with popular opinion in Northern Ireland and could relegate 'No" campaigners to the sidelines of Ulster politics.

Results of the poll, published in Thursday's editions of The Guardian of London and The Irish Times, showed 73 percent planned to vote "Yes" in the referendum, with only 14 percent voting.
"No." About 1.000 people were interviewed in the Republic of Ireland, 1,000 in mainland Britain and 500 in

Northern Ireland. The poll showed that 61 percent of treland's population, also voting in a referendum May 22, backed the agree-

THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Romanian Post Office Privatization Project Consultancy Services for Corporatization and Preparation for Privatization (Stage One)

Specific Procurement Notice

This invitation for bids follows the general procurement natice for this project that oppeared in Financial Times (Issue nr D8523A af April 9th, 1998) and in International Herald Tribune (Issue nr 35807 of April 9th, 1998)

The Ministry of Communications (MOC) of the Gavernment at Ramonia and the Romonion Post Office (RPO) have decided to implement the strotegy for restructuring af pastal services sector through the Romonion Post Office Privatization Project (the Project). The Project is phased in two stages, as follows: Stoge One: Carporatization and Preparation for Privatization of RPO;

Stage Twa: Privatization of RPO by Initial Public Offer (IPO).

The MOC and RPO naw intend to hire Consultants for Stage One; Corporatization and Preparation for Privatization of RPO, and invite sealed bids from eligible bidders for:

Financial Audits - accarding to Ramonian Accounting Standards and International Accounting Standards, and RPO Financial Farecast;

Assistance for the transformation of RPO from its present status as a Regie

Autonome to a joint stock company; Development of Financial Management Action Plan for RPO:

Business Advisory Services (ta forecost potential business and services, etc.); Preporation of Stoge Two Term Sheet.

The Stage Twa of the Project will be scheduled upon the campletian af the Stage One. The key abjectives of Consultancy Services for Stage Twa (Privatization of RPO by IPO) will comprise the development of a voluation of the campany and a sole strategy, and sale of RPO's shores.

Bidding will be conducted through an international campetitive bidding procedure, occording to Romonian legislation. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the RPO at the address given below from 10:00 to 16:00 hours, local time, Monday to Friday.

During the period April 21st - 30th 1998, from 10:00 to 16:00 hours, local time, o complete set of bidding documents in English moy be purchosed by interested bidders by the submission of o written opplication to the address below and upan poyment of o nonrefundable fee of US\$ 1,500. The method of poyment will be direct deposit to the RPO occount nr 25.110.090.090777.300.00.9 BANCOREX, Victorio Branch, 155 Coleo Victoriel Ave., 70012 Buchorest, Romonio. The documents will be sent by international counier or handed to an outhorized local representative presenting o proper power of attorney.

Bids must be delivered to the oddress below at/or before 12:00 hours, local time, June 15th, 1998. All Stage One bids must be accomponied by a bid security of US\$ 50,000. Lote bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to oftend at the address below of 12:00 hours, local time in June 15th, 1998.

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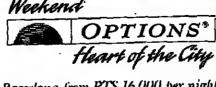
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VIENNA - President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic must undergo another operation within six weeks to remove a tube inserted into his colon, Austrian doctors said Thursday. Dr. Ernst Bodner, the chief surgeon at University Clinic in Innshruck, where Mr. Havel is hospitalized, said that some 35

centimeters (14 inches) of his colon was removed during an operation Tuesday. A "routine" operation, Dr. Bodner said, is still needed to take out the excretory duct that was inserted. "The operation's necessary in order to stop the infection process, he said, according to the Austria Press Agency.

Everything else can be fixed by antibiotics. Dr. Bodner added that there was no sign of complications. It is unclear whether Mr. Havel's latest medical crisis will prevent him from helping to resolve the political stalemate that is likely to result from parliamentary elections June 19 and 20: The 61-year-old president, who has a recent history of health problems, was rushed to a surgical ward in Innshruck on

He was reported by doctors to be in sansfactory condition



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SINGAPORE — China has used its strong economy and apparent immunity to Asia's financial turmoil to gain significant diplomatic favor with its previously suspicious neighbors at the expense of Japan, which has failed to meet regional expectations of leadership, officials and analysts say.

As a result, when officials of the Association of South East Asian Nations hold their annual meeting Friday and Saturday in Kuala Lumpur with their counterparts from Beijing, China will be treated as a cooperative partner, rather than a threat to Southeast Asia's security.

'China is really emerging from this smelling good," said Rodolfo Severino Jr., the secretary-general of ASEAN. "We still have a territorial problem with China, but otherwise things are

. going well between ASEAN and Beijing. ASEAN includes Brunei, Burma, Indooesia.
Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore. Thailand and Vietnam in a group that coold potentially act as a counterweight to China or any other large regional player.

In a move to consolidate its new image and role as a benevolent power, China sent its receotly appointed foreign minister, Tang Jiaxuan, to Indonesia this week with an offer of an aid package worth more than \$600 million to help overcome

the Indonesian financial and economic crisis. h was Mr. Tang's first solo trip abroad since he was chosen by the Chinese Parliament last month to replace Qian Qichen. Southeast Asian officials said that his decision to visit two ASEAN countries - Indonesia and Singapore was significant

"It shows the importance Beijing is giving to good neighborly relations and its desire to cooperate with other countries in the region in these difficult times," Mr. Severino said He added that Mr. Tang had personally

assured him there would be no change in China's foreign policy, unless it was to strengtheo ties between China and ASEAN.

Beijing's assistance, gratefully accepted by President Subarto of Indonesia, included \$400 million in standby loans as part of a \$43 billion rescue package for the country organized by the International Monetary Fund, as well as bitateral aid in the form of medicines, trade credits and increased harter exchanges so that Indonesia can save its scarce hard currency reserves.

China's assistance, totaling several billioo dollars, to Indonesia and other troubled East

Asian economies, including Thailand and South Korea, is dwarfed by similar lapanese aid to the region amounting to more than \$19 billion.

Yet Asian countries have been disappointed by Tokyo's failure, despite re and economic stimulus packages, to get the Iapanese economy growing fast enough to absorb more of the exports they must sell if they are to recover. While we in ASEAN recognize the mea-

China's new image and role in the ASEAN is that of a benevolent power.

sures implemented by Japan to stimulate its own economy, we believe that Tokyo can be more responsive to its neighbors and friends. Malay-

sia's deputy prime minister and finance minister, Anwar Ibrahim, said last week in Singapore. He said ASEAN had taken note of Japanese willingness to adopt a more prominent role in helping Southeast Asia in recent weeks but added that what was really needed was trade liberalization by Japan that would provide greater access to Asian products and reduce its hinge trade surpluses with the region.

In previous financial or economic crises af-

fecting Asian countries, China stood aloof, leaving Japan - the world's second largest economy after the United States - to coordinate responses with Washington, even though Beijing often criticized such coordination as evidence of American and Iapanese attempts to exert hegemony over the region.

China's readiness in this crisis to provide most of its aid as part of the IMF's program of free-market reforms for the worst affected Asian economies has won praise from the United

While Asian countries have generally welcomed China's aid as evidence of a

more cooperative and responsible policy toward the region, what seems to have impressed them most is Beijing's evident determination not to follow the example of many other East Asian governments and devalue its currency. Mr. Suharto specifically thanked Mr. Tang for this. By making Chinese exports more competitive, devaluation of the yuan would undermine the export industries of Asian countries hit hard by currency upheaval.

Mr. Tang also gave an assurance in Jakarta that Beijing regarded recent riots that targeted Indonesia's ethnic Chinese minority as an internal matter for Indonesia to handle.

We always regard ethnic Chinese in In-donesia as Indonesian nationals and the issue relating to the ethnic Chinese as an internal affair

relating to the erinic Council as an internal affair of Indonesia. The said.

In the past, China's protective attitude toward the more than 20 million Chinese fiving in Southeast Asia, and its policy during the Cold War of supporting communist parties trying to overthrow Southeast Asian governments. Expending the control of the contro suspicions — especially in Indonesia — that it had ambitions to dominate the region.

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More recently, such suspicious were beightened by Beijing's claims to ownership of the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and its use of force to take over several and its like the control of the several and its like the control of the islands are also claimed, in whole or part several ASEAN members — Victorin, the Phil

ippines, Malaysia and Brunei. Gerald Segal, an Asia specialist at the in-ternational Institute for Strategic Studies in Lon-don, said Beijing's diplomacy since the financial crisis erupted in Asia in July was impressive.

"Certainly, the conventional wisdom is that China has had a good crisis and lapan has had a bad one," he said. "But that does not provide; final answer the big question in everybody's mind: As China grows stronger, what kind of power will it be?"

Ancient Rite On Ganges A Lodestar For Hindus

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

HARDWAR, India - The rushing gray-green waters of the Ganges were as chilly as they have been in years as A.K. Sharma stripped to his underwear, plunged into the shallow edge of India's holiest river and raised cupped handfuls of water toward the rising sun.
But Mr. Sharma, a 48-year-old en-

gineer, was jubilant. After journeying 250 miles (400 kilometers) from his home in Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal, Mr. Sharma, his wife and two children joined millions of Hindu pilgrims who traveled to Hardwar from across India in the last three months to join in what is billed here as the world's higgest religious festival.

After an exhausting day on chaotic roads and a night in a dusty tented camp. Mr. Sharma had timed his bathing well. As he made his way through the dense crowd of worshipers pressing toward the river on Tuesday, less than two hours remained to the most propitious moment of the most propitious day in the Hindu calendar, as determined by -astrological calculations that underpin what is known here as the kumbh

The mela, or festival, is a rotating rite that chroniclers say has been observed at Hardwar once every 12 ye the second millennium B.C.

As India rushes into the age of technology, lauoching communications -satellites, developing nuclear weapons and enthusiastically embracing the infernet, the passion for the ancient rituals *among the country's 700 million Hindus shows no sign of flagging.

The Hardwar mela is believed to have drawo the largest crowds ever to converge on this city in the lee of the Himalayan foothills. By some accounts as many as 10 million people have come since January. In 1989, a kumbh mela at Allahahad, on the lower reaches of the Ganges, drew as many as 30 million. according to some estimates.

The phenomenon has delighted many Indians, who yearn to guard their ancient traditions even as they seek to modernize what had been one of Asia's

most creaky economies.



Hindus drying their clothes after a dip in the Ganges at the festival.

very well but our ancieots were understanding things much better." Mr. Sharma said in English. Motioning toward the bubbub on both banks of the Ganges, and the dozens of brightlybued temples dotting the escarpment above the river, he added: "Something is there, something which I am not exactly knowing, something which is hidden; something which I may not be able to prove technically, but which I know to be there in my soul."

According to ancient Hindu scriptures, bathing at Hardwar at the time of the kumbh mela, or at Allahabad, Nasik and Ujjain, the other cities on the north Indian plain that host the mela at threeyear intervals, is the supreme act of worship, worth 10 million dips in the Ganges and other holy rivers at other less propitious times.

Some Hindus believe that dipping at a kumbh mela will guarantee eternal salvation, a release from the cycle of birth, death and reincarnation. Others believe that the mela washes away all sins. cleanses the soul or earns the blessings of the Hindu deities for a coming marriage or business venture or for relief from physical afflictions.

There were many pilgrims with disabilities here this week. One man in his 30s. paralyzed in both legs by polio. arrived at the most holy spot along the riverbank, known as the brahmakund, after dragging himself by bis arms from a camp more than 15 kilometers away, a "Our technological know-how is journey he said had taken him 20 hours. grims. For urban Hindus, in particular,

The origin of the kumbh melas lies in a Hindu legend, involving a struggle between gods and demons for control of a kumhha, or clay pitcher, filled with the nectar of immortality churned from the bottom of the oceans. According to the legend, one of the gods seized the pitcher and circled the earth for 12 days - 12 years in earthly time - spilling drops of the nectar at four places on earth - the sites of the kumhh melas - and at eight places in the heavens.

According to early records, including an account in the 7th century A.D. by a binese traveler, Histang lang, the melas served from ancient times as grand gatherings of Hindu holy men, the sadhus, swamis, sanyasis, gurus and yogis of the time.

"When the stars were in a particular the sadhus, many of whom still live lives position, the sadhus simply followed the great rivers to their confluence and stayed there uotil others, from all di-rections, joined them," according to Rajesh Bedi, who wrote a 1991 book on the sadhus, itinerant holy men who renounce all worldly goods. "Then they discussed the state of the body politic. the economic condition of the people and philosophical and theological ques-

The ascetic sadhus still dominate the festivals, setting up vast encampments near the river where they pray, practice voga, perform their rites, read from Hindu scriptures, chant mantras and hold discourses with the common pil-

Students Place The Blame for 'All Disasters' On Suharto

JAKARTA - Thousands of Indonesian students held campus protests Thursday against President Suharto. calling him the "cause of all disasters." and at least nine were injured in a clash

with the police, witnesses said. It was the second day of stepped-up protests blaming Mr. Subarto for the commery's economic crisis.

In Surubaja, Indonesia's second-largest city, students staged a peaceful rally inside a university campus, where a poster was seen that read, "Suharto, The Cause Of All Disasters.

Students clashed with police officers in the city of Bandung when they were blocked from taking their protest to the streets. At least nine sustained head injuries and dozens were braised, wit-

Students have been holding protests since February, blaming crony capitalism centered around Mr. Suharto for the trouble. They have called for Mr. Subarto, 76, who was swom in for a seventh five-year

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These days, Indians who once fol-

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Men like Mr. Sharma, the engineer

from Agra, and their wives lined the

riverbanks Tuesday as more than 60,000

sadhus, organized into monastic orders

called akharas, marched across pontoon

bridges to the bathing ghats, terraced

areas flanked by temples at the heart of the city. The crowds tossed garlands of marigolds and shouted "We bow to you, oh holy men!" "We kiss your feet!" and "Loog Live Lord Ram!"

The sadhus and their leaders, many of

them carried to the ghats in gaily colored palanquins shaded from the sun

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The protests widened dramatically Wednesday when students took to the streets of Jakarta for the first time while simultaneous protests were held in three Police were unusually restrained in

dealing with the protests Wednesday, and the military announced new efforts to oring students and government ministers together for a dialogue. The military said that the discussions.

arranged by General Wiranto, the armed forces chief and defense minister, would take place Saturday in Jakarta.

But it was not immediately clear whether studeots involved in the protests would attend.

The Kompas paper said the talks Saturday would involve the economics minister. Ginandjar Kartasasmita, the minister for politics and security. General Feisal Tanjung, the interior minister. Raden Hartono, the trade and industry minister, Mohamad (Bob) Hasan and other members of the cabinet.

Mr. Subarto's eldest daughter, Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana, who is the minister for social welfare, would also be present, as would the federal chief of police and the chief of military lotelligence, it said.

Student representatives would be decided by institutes of higher learning, university student councils and members of the academic community, the report said.

But most of those protesting in recent weeks have rejected offers of dialogue hy the armed forces, saying they are too structured, the ourcome pre-determined and ineffective in meeting their demands for change.

Some students have said they would only have a dialogue with Mr. Suharto. While talks to resolve Indonesia's mountain of private debt got off to a good start Wednesday in New York, traders said it would take a long time for any results. The talks are likely to continue through Friday, bankers have said.

BRIEFLY

2 Koreas' Talks Remain Stalled

BELTING - North and South Korean negotiators met Thursday in the Chinese capital but failed to find a way to restart stalled talks on aid to the North, a South Korean Embassy official said.

"The differences between the two sides were still too great and the meeting ended with no pro-gress," the official said after heads of the two delegations met for almost two bours to try to break the

"They agreed to try to meet again," the official said adding that there was no schedule for the next attempt to restart talks. (Reuters)

Malaysian Assails Aid Groups on Haze

KUALA LUMPUR - A Malaysian cabinet minister lasked out Thursday at international aid organizations, saying they had failed to help Southeast Asian countries combat smog from forest and bush

"So far we have not received or seen any NGO actively participate or to campaign to help or come up with more positive proposals on how to deal with the issue." he national Bernama news ageicy quoted Environment Minister Law Hieng Ding as saying. NGO stands for nongovernmental organization.

Mr. Law said that oongovernmental organizations had in the past complained about forest conservation efforts in the region but did not put forward ideas when the forests were in danger of being destroyed

"Now," he said, "I think it's high time for them to come forward. to play their role, especially in forest fires. (Reuters)

Richardson Sets Afghanistan Visit

KABUL - The American envoy Bill Richardson will become the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit Afghanistan in more than two decades when he takes a talk peace message to its warring fac-

tions Friday.

Mr. Richardson, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, is to meet top officials of the Taleban Islamic movement, which rules. most of the country, and faction leaders bent on ending the movements grip on power. (Reuters)

Burma Shrugs Off Rights Accusation

BANGKOK - Burma's military rulers dismissed as a fabrication on Thursday an Amnesty international report detailing human rights abuses against ethnic Shan civilians, saying the rights orga-nization was a "platform" for dissident groups. (Reuters)

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The report, "Slamming The Golden focuses on the bureaucratic hurdles facing those in flight. Deeisions with potential life-or-death consequences are made by low-level officials with little expertise in sorting out the situations of people typically possessing faked or no papers. Initially, the applicants are denied access to legal assistance and processed in a matter of hours, sometimes on the basis of inadequate translations. They can be treated abusively. At the next hurdle, they must still convince an asylum officer and then perhaps an immigration

No American tradition is more judge - again, sometimes in haste and without counsel — that their professed fear of persecution is credible.

It seems that the hulk of those caught up at American ports and airports are Mexicans trying to enter illegally. Only about 2 percent of the several tens of thousands so far subjected to expedited removal are actually asylum seekers, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The service says there is no evidence that any of them was actually persecuted once home.

But the Lawyers Committee establishes that the statistical evidence is skimpy, expedited removal is not fully open to public view, and those caught up in it cannot be sure of fair treatment promised hy tradition and law. These are shortcomings that the committee would correct by new legislation if possible, administratively if not.

In a world where the United States remains the harbor of hope, the chances that people qualified for asylum will be tossed back to an arbitrary regime must be brought down as close as possible to zero.

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Executing Children

has a modest proposal for addressing the problem of juvenile murders like the recent killings in Jonesboro. Arkansas. He announced recently that he would introduce a hill in the state legislature to make 11-year-olds eligible for a death sentence. If this sounds like a parody of the old maxim that bad cases make bad law, Mr. Pitts is apparently serious about it. "I realize this is a drastic step, but the kids that are growing up today aren't the 'Leave It to Beaver' kids I grew up with," he told the Dallas Morning News. Fortunately, his idea appears to have little chance of actually becoming law. Governor George W. Bush has announced his opposition to the plan.

Current law in a majority of the 38 death-penalty states, including Texas, permits the execution of convicts who were 16 or 17 at the time of their crimes. According to a forthcoming report from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, there were 58 people on death row across the country last year for crimes committed when they were juveniles, and nine others have actually been executed since 1985. The Supreme Court con-cluded in 1988 "that such punishment

Texas State Representative Jim Pitts does not offend the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment." But the high court has suggested elsewhere that a death sentence for a 15-year-old is probably unconstitutional.

That, however, has not stopped some people from boping 10 push the death eligibility age downward. If Mr. Pitts's idea sounds extreme, it is different mainly in degree from proposals sup-ported by prominent mainstream politicians. The juvenile justice legislation being pushed by Senate Republicans this term originally contained language that would have lowered the boundary from 18 to 16. (They later removed the provision.) And Governor Pete Wilson of California suggested last year that he might support death eligibility for

Even if there were evidence that executing people for juvenile crimes made a difference in crime rates, the practice ought to be unacceptable. Although major changes in state or federal law now seem remote, the fact that some talk seriously about further lowering the death penalty age limit means that those who oppose the practice must take it seriously, too.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

An Airline Innovator

Robert Crandall of American Airlines, who is expected to retire next coveted Heathrow Airport. month, always believed that he knew exactly what was right for the airline Crandall tanght his colleagues about Jenge anyone who disagreed. But he also recognized, to the great benefit of his shareholders, when to junk nosfrums that circumstances proved false. Mr. Crandall knew that deregulation would be disastrous for his industry. But after the Carter administration withdrew the regulatory safety blanket, he brilliantly constructed a complex hub-and-spoke system that brought passengers the steeply lower fares and vastly better flight schedules

economists had predicted. He also knew that sophisticated mathematics could maximize profit by tailoring different prices to different types of passengers. But when that approach grew too complicated, he adopted a simplified system and challenged his competitors to go along with his good idea. When they refused, setting off a destructive price war, he quickly let it drop and returned to a complex fare structure.

. Mr. Crandall demonstrated that competition was good for consumers. But when upstart airlines grabbed his customers, he devised frequent-flier miles, an ingenious strategy that tied travelers to large airlines like American even when rivals were offering lower fares. He knew that code sharing - the practice by which two airlines would sell tickets on each other's connecting flights under the name of a single carrier — was misleading because it fooled customers into believing that they had booked a seamless flight. Yet when he looked around and saw his competitors pairing up. he pounced, proposing a vast code-sharing arrangement with British Airways. If approved, it will help lock in Amer-

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With his background in finance, Mr. with mammoth fixed costs (an unoccupied seat represents unrecoverable revenue hut no reduction in costs), pilot strikes and other business holdups. When he announced his retirement on Wednesday, his airline boasted of record high profits and a management team ready to take over that would be the envy of other airlines. It was a precisely timed departure from a smart combative leader and a nimble learner who left his mark on a turbulent sector of the American economy. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment Citizenship Unlearned

A lot of Americans don't know what citizenship is anymore. What is it? It is the only bond that we all have with one another and with our natioo.

As I looked at the countries collapsing [after the Cold War]. I saw that the United States was partaking in some of the disintegrating forces: the death of an all-encompassing ideology or set of truths; deconstruction of the nation in the name of amhition and individual egos; breakdown of a language as a unifying element in society; minority groups insisting on their own separate law; finally, mainstream society wait-

ing too long to confront the situation. Citizenship tests have been so dumbed down as to be simply a fraud. What are the colors of the flag? What is the capital of the nation?

—From "The Death of Citizenship," by Georgie Anne Gever, in the spring issue of American Experiment Quarterly.

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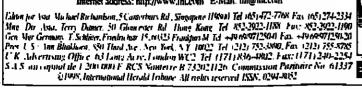
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We Can Call It Convivencia, and Let's Work at It

DARIS — France celebrated this week the 400th anniversary of the Edict of Nantes, Henry IV's proclamation accepting the right of Protestants to practice their faith and enjoy equal civic rights with the Catholic majority. It is considered the beginning of the idea of freedom of conscience, of putting the need for tolerant coexistence

ahead of the urge to fight and repress. The agreement signed in Northern Ireland represents the same aspiration. The notion of tolerance has advanced over the centuries, hut still with monstrous regressions. There is a loog way to go before the world can rely on it.

The edict itself was revoked in 1685 by Louis XIV; that led to horrible massacres, war and the flight of many French Protestants to lands of asylum where their descendants still live. The revocation nourished the ferocious anti-clericalism of the French revolution, but it was not until 1905 that separation of church and state was legally established.

Again and again over those cen-turies, and still in today's and tomorrow's headlines, religious hatred, often merged with conflicts of ethnic identity, has claimed vast numbers of lives. It keeps welling up until the victims - By Flora Lewis

and all involved are victims one way or another — tire of the hurden and accept that people have a right to be different without being damned.

Political will is required to advance that kind of social consensus. Ulster almost made it some 35 years

ago when Britain and Ireland were preparing to join the European Community. The leaders in Dublin and Belfast were on good terms, so were the top religious leaders. The border between the Republic and the six counties was expected to lose practical meaning and emotional significance. But then French President Charles

de Gaulle vetoed Britain's application. The situation deteriorated, worsened by British Prime Minister Harold Wilson's maneuvering for domestic political advantage. By the time the two countries did join the Community, the "Troubles" were too far advanced for compromise to halt the violence.

Since then the Republic has flourished, the poor partner which has put European aid and trade advantages to the best use, and Northern Ireland's aging industries have declined. There is a new

cians have come around from support a stain that would provoke divine punin American-Irish opinion, whose politifor the IRA to counsels of peace.

When an opportunity to resolve old, deep grievances is lost, it can take a long time and much distress before another one appears. That is the men-ace of the moribund Middle East "peace process." Collapse will not bring Palestinian resignation, as some Israeli nationalists like to think, but worse times before there is again a chance for settlement.

At present, there scarcely seems to be a chance for Kosovo, despite the attempt hy major powers to bring negotiations. That region is on a down cycle into bitter conflict likely to afflict neighbors and aggravate the position of

Muslims in European countries.

''Identity'' can mean religion, language, culture or historic community, is inevitably an increasing issue for abrasion as economic and technological partitions of the world crumble. People see clinging to each other in exclusive groups as a necessary defense against outsiders who would diminish them or expose them to harm.

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chance for the people of Ulster to decide on live and let live, enhanced by the shift people believed that tolerating the existence of "heretics" in the society was ishment. They felt that their aggressions were no more than their duty to

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themselves and to their God. Tolerance is seldom an easy idea, but the more the world shrinks, people move about and mix and global forces sweep across boundaries, the more it is a necessity. The world will not stop being full of human differences, so it has to find ways to live more comfortably with its diversity.

It would be useful to introduce a new word for the goal, because tolerance does have some undertones of disdain and inferiority. The Spanish word convivencio means much more than the literal translation of "living together." It suggests harmonious cooperation nonetheless respectful of separate iden-

tities. It evokes the Golden Age of the Moors in Spain, when Muslims, Christians and Jews created a brilliant, productive society.

Despite the setbacks, the anniversary of the Edict of Nantes is a reminder that people can get along if they wish, and that convivencia is fruitful.

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This Idea-Shorn World Needs a Post-Cold War Keynes

By Karel van Wolferen

Agood might come out of the Asian financial crisis. The benefits, if they mate-

MSTERDAM — Some

rialize, will not undo the human misery already suffered, the millions of job losses still to come, and the political upheaval that is bound to follow economie dislocation in some of the crisis countries. But the crisis could inspire

minds in the Western world, to a point where thought is devoted to a project of building an international system that prevents much more misery, npheaval and dislocation something comparable to what John Maynard Keynes bequeathed to the post-World War II world at the Bretton Woods conference of 1944.

Talking with bankers, policymakers, assorted specialists and others who attend academie conferences, one may pick up hints of a dawning awareness than they had thought. Received wisdom, shaped by IMF rescuers and indignant commentary about huge Asian mismanagement and corruption, is no longer acceptable to them.

What may well become the discussing momentons eco-nomic events in the post-Cold Notions like the "end of

WASHINGTON — Amid reverberations from the

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Eastern Europe is beginning sive data provided by World

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In Latin America, a decade of provides a yardstick to measure

structural reforms is now paying progress toward these goals and

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billions of people that take place sential to this social progress,

can be used to focus development strategies, evaluate progress and make countries and donors more accountable.

However, this progress has been uneven. Fifty years ago India had roughly the same per capita income as Korea. Today,

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These goals are ambitious, these international develop-

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This new consensus has been progressive social practices also

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the situation and to rush in for repairs lack the intellectual wherewithal to do either. Ideas and institutions go to-

gether. You cannot have a stable approach to the world. enhancing chances for a desirable international political/economic order, if you work only with recycled ideas from a world no longer in existence. And one of the most striking characteristics of politics since the Cold War international system came to an end has been the incredible dearth of ideas.

Terminology perfectly ad-equate to what has been most important in any historical epoch may never have existed, hut there have been approximations. Today we do not have a communal handrail to grab hold of when intellectual speculation about what is happening to the world becomes dizzying. The that the crisis has deeper causes frayed hut reasonably sturdy rope that substituted for a handrail during the fairly long Cold War period is gone.

No longer does a continuous general discourse connect what is important in world events with a collective imagination, most important lesson from this sorting out the significant from experience is that there exists the trivial and, most importno adequate terminology for antly, evolving a language that

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In 1962, people born in de-

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are missing. Inspired by a peculiarly parochial American view of the world, which tends to be ahistorical and lacks experience of other civilizations, they have no boundaries of

meaning to make them useful. This is not to say that these now famous ideas of Francis Fokuyama and Samuel Huntington are not interesting enough to think out lood, and to contemplate for a moment or two; brainstorms frequently spawn orig-inal thought. What is special and disturbing about them is that

they have become famous. Utterly nseless for practical purposes, they are, if anything, dangerous as possible philosophical cores around which to organize thought about our post-Cold War situation. They indicate to what extent newspapers and serious magazines are guided by entertainment industry precepts.

In a comparable instance, one wonders how much thought is expended behind editorial desks dealing with economic affairs, as one reads reference after reference to "crony capitalism," shorthand for what is wrong with the Asian tiger

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the most needy. This can be a

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more effective strategies. Since

1990, the world's two largest countries, China and India, have

both cut their average tariff bar-

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Concrete Targets for Developing Countries

By Joseph Stiglitz

tion. As a label for what is wrong with the Asian tigers, it displays a profound ignorance and is yet another manifestation of the conceptual poverty afflicting post-Cold War political

discourse. But the bankers and academics who are now beginning to recognize such misconceptions will have a hard time igniting political enthusiasm for a global policy overhaul in the absence of a well-grounded political debate on substantive issues among common citizens.

Assertions that this is due to the stupidity of the masses, the logical result of true democracy, are too simple and more than a little condescending. Common people should not be blamed for a deficiency most obviously present among elites.

The elite of the same great power that saved political civilization two or three times in this century (something for which a European like myself can only be forever grateful) has not even begun to think about a workable order to replace the Cold War internation-

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The key is putting into place

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sustain them. Only then will the

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behind this, national self-distrust, ought to disturb European neighbors, but amazingly does not. That is also a sign of the dearth of ideas. Poor countries cannot wait Ideas matter hugely. In ceruntil they get richer to worry tain circumstances they become

wildly contagious and can spread either hlessings or illfortune in a very short time. Shocks make politicians and

populations receptive to ideas. Two sets of ideas have begun to form through the current shocks in East Asia.

One, spreading through the region itself, is inspired by imagery of economic plunder and Western capitalist conspiracy. The other, in the heads of those who do not thoughtlessly reel off the litany of deregulation. the discipline of the market and the healing powers of laissezfaire, is that we bave arrived at a. point where rethinking the international economic order is the only responsible option.

The hig question is which set of ideas will dominate in the shaping of world politics this year and for years to come.

The writer is on author and a professor of the University of: Anisterdam. This comment was distributed by the New York Times Syndicote.

1898: Cuban Republic NEW YORK — The Senate tonight [April 16] determined that the Government of the United States hereby recognises the Republic of Cuha as the true and lawful Government of that island. A resolution also demanded that Spain at once withdraw her land and naval forces

Promoting environmentally 1923: Angel Picture

sustainable development is another priority for government action. Left to themselves, markets produce excessive pollution and environmental damage. Although East Asia's governments are active in many areas of an Doyle showed to a New York sustained and even accelerated national life, the region has foaudience last night [April 16]. cused on rapid and shared growth, leaving worries about appeared in her own home durthe environment for the future. The results are obvious; forest fires that raged over Indonesia also took the famous photolast year, highly congested cities. graphs at the Cenotaph here durand growing water pollution.

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LONDON - Miss Estelle Stead, daughter of the late W. T. Stead, informed a reporter of The New York Herald that her 'guide and guardian angel," a picture of which Sir Arthur Coning Easter week and was photographed by Mrs. Deane, the London spirit photographer who

ROME - Italy's Minister of

to call off the elections if it decided that too great a fraud' had been committed hy the Communists, Mr. Scelba said that in the Communist-run city of Genoa, three Russians on the staff of the Soviet Consulate were given ballots. Thirty thoudecided to the control of the contro sand hallots in that city were misdirected, he said. He added that the Communist mayor of Genzano was found guilty of taking part in a plot to keep ballots from 700 persons suspected of being non-Communists. "We won't let this elec-tion be stolen," Mr. Scelba, a member of Italy's Catholic party, told a throng of 50,000.

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Putting Korea Together Again S EOUL — In many respects, Kim Dae Jung, 74, has the most difficult job since South Korea's founding president. Syogman Rhee, led the country

through its birth pangs and the Korean War in the 1950s. Due to the financial crisis that struck io November, Mr. Kim musi engineer extensive changes in the economic system that had been a remarkahly successful engine of growth. Amid a painful recession, he must fulfill the requirements of the global economy and the strictures of the IMF.

Even more daunting, he is trying to change the mind-set of South Koreans toward the world outside and especially toward North Korea. In a decisive turn, he has put aside South Korea's traditional aspirations for supremacy plus unification, and has set out to coexist with the fierce but failing

North Korean regime. This policy shift has important consequences for the United States, which maintains 37,000 troops on the Korean Peninsula to

preserve the fragile peace.
Mr. Kim seemed serenely confideot, in a recent meeting with me, that Nonh Korea would validate and advance his policies by pursuing Nonh-South dialogue and eogagement, which it has shunned for most of this decade.

His bopes were giveo a boost more quickly than almost anyone expected, when North Korea agreed last week to start official talks with the South for the first time in four years.

Nonetheless, the record of the North Korean regime, including its hard-line behavior at just completed four-party talks in Geoeva, makes Mr. Kim's "sunshine" diplomacy a risky bet.

His initiative migbs not have been widely accepted by the South Korean people six months ago. But the South's economic disaster uoderscored its inability to face the huge undertaking of unifying the peninsula by absorbing its poor cousins to the north. Because of the much wider disparity involved. this task would be several times as difficult and expensive as that faced by West Germany in ab-

sorbing East Germany. His government has begun lifting restrictions on the flow of gifts, goods and investments from South to North. It is lifting re-strictions on travel to the North, seeking to develop people-topeople contacts ranging from reconciliation of divided families to joint tourist activities, and encour-

By Don Oberdorfer

aging fund-raising activities in the

South to provide aid. Plans have been announced to lift the long-standing ban on listening to North Korean radio and television, and eventually to eliminate the ban on North

Korean written propaganda. Mr. Kim's steps are deliberately low-key, but they add up to a reversal of the attitudes and operarions of the predecessor governmeol of his longtime rival,

Kim Young Sam. In a more traditional mode, the new president has also set forth a warning: "We will never tolerate armed provocation of any kind."

I have known all of South Korea's presidents since Syngman Rhee, and most of its senior politicians since I began covering Northeast Asia for The Washington Post in 1972. Of them all, Kim Dae Jung has had the clearest and best articulated ideas on where he wanted to lead the country and especially on North-South issues.

He was falsely accused of Communist leanings by his political opposition in each of his four campaigns for the presidency, but he never gave up his desire to engage the North. His opposition to authoritarian

rule and the fears that his populism evoked in South Korea's past military rulers led to his kidnapping from Japan hy South Korean secret police, six years of imprisonment on trumped-up charges, a death senteoce for sedition (commuted under pressure from Washiogton) and eight years of house arrest or forced exile.

Most recently, in a currently unfolding scandal, former leaders of the country's intelligence agency have been accused by prosecutors of agreeing to pay \$250,000 to a U.S.-based Korean businessman to falsely accuse Mr. Kim of collaboration with North Korea.

The North-South intrigue that has swirled about Mr. Kim bas made him leery of clandestine contacts. North Korea seot signals to him during the postelectioo transirioo that it would look favorably on a "persooal" channel for secret dealings. He told me he rejected such entreaties.

The United States should suppon Mr. Kim's policy by taking parallel steps, in close consultation with Seoul, to lift some of its economic sanctions against Nonh Korea. His efforts have a greater possibility of succeeding if they are backed by his powerful ally.

Washiogton should also encourage South Korea to take the

lead in Nonh-South affairs. U.S. Amhassador Stephen Bosworth is telling Koreans in symbolic but unmistakable terms that a change is in the making: "We are both in the front seat of the car. and it is probably time for you to take the wheel for a while." Lesi Koreans feel bereft of continuing U.S. suppon. be adds, "We'll be sitting right beside you."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civilized Japan

Regording "Is Japan Too Civ-lized far the '90s?" (April 13): The author seems to think that the answer to the beadline's question is "yes."

He notes that the traditional Japanese mother wants ber child to grow up so as not to be a nuisance to other people," This seems to worry him, and he argues that Japan "needs an infusion of economic ruthlessness, a dose of the law of the jungle."

However, all is not lost, as Japan is now "trying to become

Leaving aside those interna-

tional businesses in compen- life. A mixture of Japan's polite, doubt whether more economic ruthlessness is needed, millions of people still alive remember all too clearly a time when the Japanese were indeed a nuisance to other

Let us go slowly in pushing the Japanese to be more aggressive. The gods may be so unkind as to give us what we ask for.

JOHN RAY. Fontenay-Trésigny, France.

The article did not mention the possibility of a middle way be-American and Japanese ways of weeks.

tion with the Japanese that may civil and group-oriented society and America's ambitious, rambunctious and individual-oriented society is both desirable and

I believe that a mix of both lifestyles is important and necessary to achieve long-term bappiness and peace within a society.

But if I had to choose one over the other, I would prefer that children be polite, civilized, nonviolent and happy than rude, violent, egotistical and happy. Just think of the violent acts committed by children in the tween, or a combination of the United States in the last few

I believe that the West has much to learn from Asia, and from Japan in particular. Asian societies are indeed

adopting positive elements of the "American way," but are we Westerners learning from Asia? Or do we believe that the Western way is the best and only

way?
The question is not about the short-term interests and happiness of individuals or groups within a system, but about the long-term interests and happiness of the society and the individuals RAMIN KAWEH.

Shop, Sulk, Throw a Fit: Guys at Work Go Girlie

By Maureen Dowd

I first started in journalism.

possible. Dress-for-success oavy blue suits and floppy ties were in vogue. Any display of "female behavior" — moody, high-strung, weepy, cutesy — was

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frowned on, as was chatter about boyfriends or babies or clothes. Once, at my newspaper, a cub reponer named Susan fell into disfavor for spending too much time jahbering about shoe shopping.

So I know we have made progress when I watch the television character Alty McBeal stand oo her desk and try on jeans so her coworkers can help her decide if they are snug enough for a date.

Poor Ally has been cuffed around plenty for being a bad feminist icon.

The fictional 28-year-old, Harvard-trained Boston lawver has been dismissed as a childlike vixen, a male fantasy of a liberated woman.

It is hard to imagine any real office being as oeuroses-frieodly or funny as Ally's law firm. With skirts that stop just below the waist, the screwball litigator treats her profession as a ladder for her social life.

She's an updated version of those '50s heroines from Wellesley and Vassar who wore gloves and hats and got low-level jobs in publishing until they could snag a man in a gray flannel suit and a white picket fence.

Ally, played by Calista Flockculture that has relaxed enough to call women "girls" again. But she has a point: Women have always had a healthier attitude about the relative importance of work and personal life. Ally's philosophy is really no different from that of Margo Channing in Joseph Mankiewicz's 1950 classic film. "All About Eve."

"Funny business, a woman's career," mused Bette Davis, playing the high-spirited actress Margo, the things you drop on your way up the ladder so you can move faster, you forget you'll need them again when you get

NEW YORK — It was a per-ilous time to be a girl, when career all females have in common, whether we like it or opt. You were supposed to look Sooner or later, we've got to work and behave as much like men as at it, oo matter how many other careers we've bad or wanted.

"And in the last analysis, nothing's any good unless you can look up just before dinner or turn around in bed and there he is. Without that, you're not a

Ally's critics miss the point that what is cutting-edge about the show is not Ally. The most poteot symbol is the unisex bathroom. where all the male lawyers act out

their neuroses. The most remarkable post-feminist treod in America is out about women. It is about men. The idea that women should mimic men is now dead. The boutiques that sold those mannish wardrobes for women have gone out of business. Now men mimic

womeo. Men were afraid at first that the women who had invaded the workplace would run around the office acting dithery and manipulative. But while women were suppressing their feminine wiles. men were usurping those wiles. Meo soon began turning traditional female modes of behavior into

macho strategies to get ahead. .. While women were misguidedly imitating men, men were poaching the competitive tactics that women had honed at home through the ceoturies.

Now that it is smart office polities to share tender feelings, .I see male colleagues sulking and throwing hissy fits to get their

Now that it is smart office politics to be a sensitive family man, hart, is awfully fluttery, even for a I see male colleagues iosisting on taking more time off to spend with their wives and babies. Now that men are supposed to bond with each other over more than golf, l see the linle dears openly discussing their messy love lives at the office.

Now that it is chic for men to confess their vulnerabilities, I see male colleagues deciding where to sit in the office according to whether the light is sufficient to prevent seasonal affective dis-

And yes, they talk about shopping. Even for shoes. The New York Times

BOOKS

MAKING HISTORY

By Stephen Fry. 380 pages. \$24. Random

Reviewed by Carolyn See

TMUST admit that when I pulled this book out of its mailing envelope, my beart gave a few extra bleak and very uneveo thuds. In the spirit of disclosure, I must also say that I thought I'd written the novel "Making History" just a few years back. It was pretty good, too. Got good reviews, was optioned for the movies, all that. Bur bere comes another novel, bright as you please, set up for good reviews, probably going to be op-

of foolish bope and dream and vanity possible around the idea of "making) Graduate student Michael Young is really young, so young his nickname is Pup. He's reading history at Cambridge, and he's a bit of a genius, crammed with facis, packed with eagemess and peppy self-love. He's just completed his dissertation on the early life of Adolf Hitler. In a bright, idiot-savant sort of way, he's been exploring the roots of evil. Maybe Hitler bappened because Hitler's

mother was abused by ber husband or, maybe . . . oh, it doesn't matter. His dissertation is finished! He's living in that wiggly moment between being a student and becoming - he doeso'i know quite what. Michael's personal life only rates a C-plus; his girlfriend, a geneticist, is tedious, condescending and thinks he's a bit of a dope. He, on the other band, feels that working in science is a fairly inferior way to spend time. No matter how you

to yield up either the nature of evil or the way to eradicate it. By the time we know this much, we've

dice those human cells, they're not going

Adon as a youth Michael roung has Zuckermann, who teaches at Cambridge, of history? tinkers with a time machine of his own invention and obsesses bitterly about his burnan beings eveo begin to imagine or integrate the facis of such dreadful wickedness? If only there were a way to Fry's interested in the idea of every such as the last thing on his mind.

the contours of our recent history! Stephen Fry has an absolutely wonderful time with this idea. He's a lot like Michael Young himself here. As an author, Fry is frisky, barking, jumping, trying out this and that. He seeds Mitioned for the movies. It sure teaches me a lesson, doesn't it? There's every kind chael and Professor Zuckermann back in time to make sure Hitler never gets born. (Whew! That ought to take care of things. Talk about making history!) Then, by reason of this not-too-wellhaven for 20th-ceotury European iotel-lectual émigrés. Good grief. What ob-

tains bere? ing. He knows, for starters, lots about about passing exams by mentioning the newly emergent middle class (since every society is bound to have a newly emergent middle class), which echoes Christopher Isherwood's tale in

"Lions and Shadows" of passing an exam by referring repeatedly to "the mooarch," since every period in England is bound to have one of those, too. But Fry also knows bell's own amount about Hitler's early life and how he speou time in the trenches in World War I. He knows plenty about the beginnings of the Nazi Party, the economic privatious that sent Germany into a collective seething by the time we know the first and the pervasive anti-Semitism for The Washington Post.

Alois, Adolf's wretched parents, and seen that swirled through most of Europe at mat time. If filter natifice already met the elderly physicist Leo that fact alone have changed the course

This is a "what-if" book, and Fry blithers about with the concept, kicks it own father's unspeakable medical career about like a Nerf ball. He's too smart at Auschwitz. How can good and seotieot (and a little too goofy?) to let himself get trapped in a linear plot. At some level

Fry's interested in the idea of evil and blot out the Nazi past, change it, change certainly in the idea of individual freedom, but be also uses great chunks of the narrative to zoom off on tangeots: What's this history thing? Maybe it's just anecdotes. Michael Young hypothesizes and braids out a string of berserk stories for bis owo amusement. Maybe history is what you find in eocyclopedias, and the author throws in three or four pages of that kind of material. No, maybe it's memorized facts! Michael spours some. Or, oo, maybe thought-ont good deed. Michael finds history is just a string of catchwords himself in a parallel Hitler-less universe from soogs and commercials and God at Princeton University, traditionally a knows what all. Michael gives us some from soogs and commercials and God

Or maybe, in the last analysis, history turns out to be like when you say, I used Again, like his hero, the author bursts with exuberance and off-the-cuff learn-Maybe history is what we should, after all that effort, endeavor to forget. Maybe academic life. He throws in a digression bistory is just the irretrievable past. Maybe despite all solemn warnings to the contrary, history is useless to us in

'Making History," or in the case of this bright, engaging, learned novel, remaking history, is a peculiarly human folly. It's oot what women and men should be doing at all, perhaps. The real point to life is something far better and a los more fun. To find out, read "Makiog History." Read both of them - why not? As far as I'm concerned, they're

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

When two already mar-ried people run off together, there are two left on the sidelines, and it happens () in bridge also. The victory of Paul Soloway of Mill Creek, victory in the final, but there Washington, and Bob Goldman of Highland Village, finish. The margin was down to 25 imps with four deals Knockout Teams in Reno was remaining, and there were the swan song of a great professional parinership. In the last two decades they have won a string of nanonal and world titles, but this is apparently the end of the road for them at national level.

Nick Nickell of Manbattan

man. That leaves Goldman unattached, although the partnership will remain active in lesser events and in the next trials to select a world cham-

pionship team. The Richard Schwartz team seemed to be coasting to finish. The margin was down and discard a club on a dia-

Jim Cayne team. One was on the diagramed deal, on which both teams arrived in six spades doubled. After the auction shown, David Berkowitz, for the Cayne team, received a heart lead, which he ruffed. He led 6 made Soloway an offer he could not refuse, and in the a diamond to the king and ace,

before the diamonds could be established.

South cashed the diamond queen and ruffed a diamond with the spade ten. He would have escaped for down one if Stansby, West, had overruffed, but he cleverly discarded. Now all Berkowitz could do was to cash the spade ace, ruff a club, mond. West ruffed and the resuit was down two.

The Cayne team gained 5 imps when the same contract failed by three tricks, somewhat mysteriously, in the re-

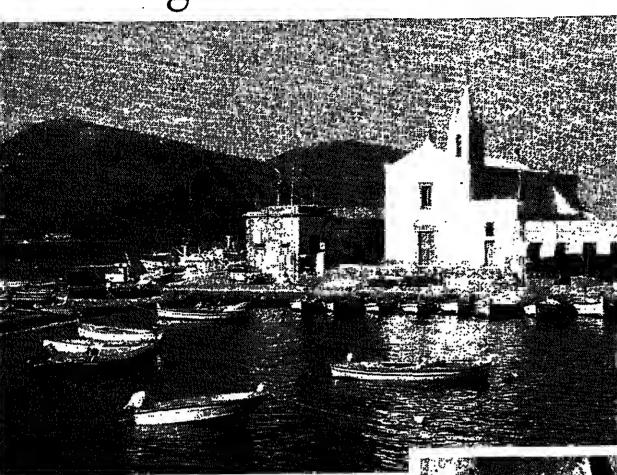
But the gain could have been greater. Instead of the normal six-spade bid, an inspired Lightner double would have induced South to lead a could not refuse, and in the future he will play for the future he will play for the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the forcing the dimension of the future he will play for the future he will be a future he will future he will play for the and a spade to a club, forcing the dummy return would have allowed

another ruff and a penalty of 500. But it would oot have changed the result: Schwartz won by 20 imps.

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Roaming the Centuries in Sicily and Its Wild Islands





Beaches, Ruins and Hot Springs Beckon Travelers to the Aeolians

By Artie Traum

ALERMO, Sicily — This city sizzles in August. When the air moves it fans out slowly, like moves it fans out slowly, like heat from a pizza oven. Sicily is surprisingly close to the sands of Tunisia, and the sun is almost African. It singes whatever it touches. Sn it is not surprising that in August Sicilians happily join the general European exodus to the beach. The fishing village and resort of Moodello oear Palermo grows thick with bathers, who spread elbow to elwith bathers, who spread elbow to elbow aloog the beach and cram into tioy cabanas. Along the northern coast, towns like Cefalu, Capo D'Orlando and the cliff-ringed Capo San Vito offer less crowded beaches, with a few tourists wandering around, dazed or lost.

The farther from Palermo, the cleaner the water, the better the beaches, the more rustic the scenery. My Sicilian friend Fabio Lannino told me tales of the Aeolian Islands, a volcanic archipelago that pops op around Sicily like the spiny tail of an enormous lizard.

We vowed to get out of town as soon as possible, by ferry nr aliscafo, by-drofoil, to visit the islands where Odysseus sailed centuries ago.

I was in Palermo to perform jazz and it would be five days until my next performance, in Capo D'Orlando, two hours by train. So my wife, Beverly, and I decided to join friends on a tour to the

major islands of the Aeolian chain. After sunrise, we headed to the docks on the Bay of Palermo. The water was smooth, a milky hlue color. An aliscafn waited and a large white ferry was anchored at the end of the dock. We looked at the hydrofoil schedule posted on the wall. There were several trips a day, each one with a different route stop-ping at various islands: Filicudi, Alicudi, Stromboli, Salina, Vulcann, Panarea and Lipari. Ferries also arrived hourly from Calabria and other mainland ports. But because the ferries moved at a snail's pace and we bad limited time, taking the aliscafn was clearly nur best notion.

As we eased out of the harbor, we could see how the city was ringed by rugged mountains and cliffs that hang above the sea. The expanse of the Tyrrhenian Sea lay ahead, filling the oceanic gap between Sardinia and Calabria.

The ocean stayed calm, a glassy sheet of water sliced by the aliscafo. After what felt like a very long time, an island appeared, floating in the middle of the graygreen water. We gazed at its rocky shores. Stone walls from the shoreline wound around the island to the top of a single mountain. This was Alicudi, a remnte island with few residents and a dozen or so bed-and-breakfast hotels scattered in the hills. Its cousin, Filicudi, appeared a short while later, a hit more developed,

and just as jagged and imposing.

We grew quiet as we sailed past
Alicudi, which glowed in the light like a green pearl. Just before noon we landed at the busy docks of Lipari, the huh of the Aeolians, a hustling island swarming with tourists, mostly Italian, who vacation here under a vast mountain range. Teenagers with dyed hlond hair rode green Vespas through the market.

Old fishermen repaired nets. Above us, the fortress walls of the 17th-century Castello of Lipari, as well as the Acropolis and the severely named Church of Purgatory, with its domed cathedral, guarded the harbor as they had for ages. Archaeologists have found items from prehistoric tribes who gathered here in the Aeolian Neolithic period, ancient Greek and Roman remains and more recent Norman battlements from the 12th century. This created a kind of architectural stone soup that

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defines much of Sicily and the islands. We visited the Acolian Archaeological Museum, a short uphill walk from the harbor on the Via Castello, to look at a terrific collection of Greek vases, pots salvaged from the ocean and dozens of

ancient sarcophagi. "Do you need a place to stay?" a man in a straw hat and sunglasses asked as

past him and headed for a café. We a place to stay. He pointed to the man we had passed. "I can take you to a beautiful hotel." be said. "It's cheap and clean and you can see the ocean

Indeed, it was all true. Our hotel, Enzo Il Negro, on the Via Garihaldi, one of Lipari's main streets, was spotless, with potted plants leading up a series of tiled staircases to our rooms. A double room cost about \$75 a night, including continental breakfast.

ON THE PROWL

The next day, we went in search of the hot springs that are ubiquitous throughout the Aeolians; they are said to have cured thousands with a stearny brew of salt, sulfites, hicarbonates, sodium and

That evening we sipped Limoocello a liqueur made from lemons — and watched yachts idle in the harbor. The area turned into a giant party at about 11 P.M. Teenagers in groups raced chattering from one spot to the oext. I ourist gazed at clothing, fancy bottles of grappa and gold jewelry in boutiques.

The following day we took an aliscafo toward Vulcano, which, in addition to its bot springs and mud baths (reputed to help heal all manner of illnesses), is known for its active volcano, Gran Cratere. But the overbearing egg smell of sulfur kept us from going ashore when the bydrofoil stopped. We were glad to simply head for Panarea, the sweetersmelling island down the chain.

Panarea is the jewel of the Aeolians. We were struck by the Greek-style whitewashed hnuses, steep stone walkways crowded with climbing pink hougainvillea and the ever-present smell of asmine. Small cafés dot the harbor. Walls of chipped pink plaster and faded hlue paint face the waterfront, yielding to alleyways and winding streets. Stone walls hald gardens full of old alive trees, flowering purple eggplant and tomatoes

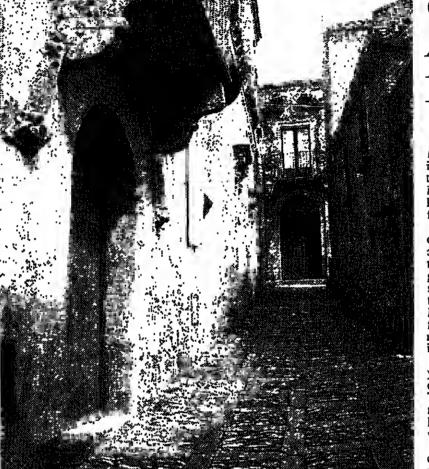
endless bright red tomatoes. Although Panarea has a reputatinn for being expensive, we found the charming, reasonably priced Hotel Tesoriero, a five-minute walk from the harbor. Panarean hotels and restaurants are family-run and have a very relaxed island ambiance. It's not unusual to find a mother and daughter chatting in the kitchen, chopping vegetables or pre-paring fish for the evening meal.

For all the sunshine, pristine ocean and beauty, we shared the uneasy feeling that anything could happen in the Aeoli-ans. This long-suffering part of the planet has been torn apart by famine, invaders, earthquakes, disease and volcanic eruptions since the time of Homer.

The heat was getting to us, so we looked for a quiet cove to take a quick ocean dip, then stored our gear and took a three-wheeler to the far side of the island, to walk the ruins of a prehistoric town on Capo Milazzese, a rugged cliff that overlooks an inlet called Cala Junen. This is one of the oldest archaeological sites in the Mediterranean, the remains of circular hus from a small village that dates to about 1600 B.C.

A REMARKABLE CHURCH It was a remarkable site, holy, a church of air and water. By the time we reached the excavation we were in a deep sweat. We had crossed a rocky swimming beach, climbed a steep incline to the top of the hill and wandered through the ruins in the midday sun. I was extremely thirsty and found a vendnr selling water and fresh fruit.

Lunch was sublime. We came upon La Spiaggetta, a tiny outdoor café in Caletta degli Zimmari, the only place to eat on the beach just outside the Capo Milazzese area, with the feel of a family restaurant. Clusters of tomatoes bung from rafters, drying in the sun. We ordered insalata di Panarea, which was literally picked from these hills: boiled potatoes, capers, baby lettuce, ripe tomatoes, basil, thyme, oregano, salty and succulent black and purple olives



The bustling harbor of Lipari, the hub of the Aeolians, is guarded still by the town's Church of Purgatory, top right. A street scene in Erice, above, an ancient town perched 1.873 feet above the Mediterranean.

Just before sunset, as we were wandering in town along the rocky beach near the harbor, an old man motioned us over. He pointed to his ears and shook his head. He couldn't hear. Still, he

waved us nn and smiled hroadly. He led us nver rocks the colnr nf dolphins' fins and just as smooth. The tide was coming in and we had to wade in the ocean to continue around the cliffs. We snumhled around coves and grottoes, maneuvering carefully nver the slippery rocks. Finally, he pointed to a hidden hot spring that buhbled up

all for about \$7.50 a person. softly from the beach. It was just hig enough to hald two af us at once. As the waves came in from the sea, the water was cooled. As the waves retreated, the

> water warmed again. We seemed a wnrld away from Palermn, a universe from home, negotiating a kind of reverie where the lines between flesh and the physical world blurred. We had chased dreams during our lives. On Panarea, it seemed we might just catch them.

> Artie Traum, a guitarist, wrote this far The New York Times.



we wandered toward town. We breezed and various herbs we'd never tasted Six-armed windmills sprout from the salt pans of Marsala. Sicily.

Carried by the Western Winds And Plunging Into Phoenicia....

By Theresa M. Maggio

ARSALA, Sicily — Last spring, I roamed through 28 centuries of history oo the northwest coast of Sicily, in the province of Trapani. I visited the windmills of Marsala, the Phoenician island of Motya and the heights of Erice, an ancient town perched 1,873 feet above the Mediterranean.

Windmills sprout from the salt pans of Marsala, their stone towers and sixarmed fans reflected in the still water of the Stagnone lagoon. Cooe-shaped and the Stagnone lagoon. Cooe-shaped and golden, they power pumps that move sea water into evaporation basins and turn millstones that grind salt crystals into powder. Sicilian sea salt is prized for its low sodium chloride and high magnesium content, which is said to increase its solubility and flavor.

Every windmill has a name; 500-year-old Ettore and Infersa, oo the edge of Marsala, are the oldest ones in Sicily.

of Marsala, are the oldest ones in Sicily. Turi Toscano, the caretaker and salt master of Ettore who gives guided tours, loves the windmills as children and has written volumes of poetry about them.

He led me up a spiral wooden staircase inside Ettore's stone tower to a platform oo top. He fitted white sailcloth to each oaken arm, six feet wide at the nuter end. When be swiveled the fan into the breeze the spinning blades whumped hy with incredible force. Ettore turns a giant wooden Archimede's screw that scoops lagoon water into 42 drying basins along 450,000 square meters of shoreline.

Just before the summer harvest, dead microscopic algae, unable to survive the increased salinity, tint the normally blue basins several shades of pink. In July, the salt forms a four-inch-thick crust that transforms the salt pans into checkerboard fields of blinding white. "For energy, we use only the wind and the snn, and our raw material is the sea," Toscano said.

Workmen pile the white crystals into nine-foot pyramids and cover them with red roof tiles. This protects the salt from wind and rain but "lets the salt

hreathe," Toscano explained. The pans are a still place between the sea and land, good for settling salt and thoughts. Toscano and I strolled out toward the sea nn nne nf the stone walkways between the basins. A breeze rippled the rectangular ponds, the two ancient windmills glowed in the late afternoon sun, the lagoon lapped at the stooe wall and before us, the islands of Favignana and Levanzo floated like ships anchored in the mist. "Peace," he said.
"We send the water back up to the heavens, and after all, isn't that a prayer?"

T a dock a few steps from the windmills, a small boat crossed the lagoon to Motya - technically the tiny island of San Pantaleo to another world, just a half-mile away. Around 1900, Giuseppe Whitaker, a Briton who grew grapes for Marsala wine on Morya, his private 99acre island, discovered the remains of a Phoenician settlement that was once the greatesi Carthaginian stronghold in the central Mediterranean. In 397 B.C., the mwn was destroyed by Dionysius the Elder, the tyrant of Syracuse, and was left deserted for 23 centuries.

Motya nnw belongs to the Whitaker Fnundatinn, which runs it as a museum. A well-wom path — shaded by pines and bordered by purple moming glories, prickly pears and acantus — nffers a stroll through Phoenician life.

Ancestors of the biblical Canaanites, the Phoenicians spoke a Semitic language and sacrificed their firstborn to Fanit, the earth muther and wife of Baal. We walked through a vineyard on our way to the Topfet, the place of hurnt offerings, where the Phoenicians nffered their firstborn to a goddess who caused new life to spring from the dead land every year.

On the northwest coast, just nutside the city walls, archaeologists have unearthed jars from the eighth century B.C.

that contain bones and ashes of babies. Scientists continue to study the site, fenced and covered by a low roof, Plutin Carthage, Motya's sister city. While flutes and drums drumed out the wailing, he related, a priest took the child from its mother slie the hearts. from its mother, slit the baby's throat and hurned the body. The child's spirit was said to intercede for its people.

We walked down the ancient town's main street to the sea, where there used to be a double gate in the city wall. Motya, ooce an important trade center and rest stop for merchants, was ringed by a thick crenellated wall 1.47 miles

long with a tower every 69 feet.

In the sixth century B.C., wheo the Mediterranean was about two feet lower, the Phoenicians built a mile-long road of stone across the strait to Birg, oo the mainland. At certain times of year, the roadbed, oow under wilet, is

Following the city wall back to the boat landing and continuing to the south side of the island, I was treated to the rare site of a cothon, a sixth-century B.C. Phoenician port. Small ships passed through a tunnel in the wall to enter the rectangular pool, which was lined with cut stone. Ruins around the nine-footdeep landing suggest the cothon was used for the stocking and unloading of merchandise. The only other existing cothon is on the oorth African coast.

The star of the Whitaker Museum is a white marble sculpture, the Youth of Morya, beneath a skylight in a room all hy itself. Archaeologists pulled the statue from a pit in the industrial zone where the Phoenicians had buried it for safekeeping during the siege.

ON TO ERICE I took the ferry from my hase on Favignana to the Trapani port, walked to the hus station and took a bus to Erice. The scenic but almost fright eningly steep and curvy road gave me an eagle's view of the salt pans laid out like a mosaic on the dark blue sea. Yellow cliffs curved up the coast to the northernmnst corner of Sicily.

Only residents are allowed to bring cars into Erice; the rest park with the tour buses outside the city gate. I walked through Porta Trapani, a great arched portal in the city's Phoenician wall, built in the sixth and seventh centuries B.C., and set off without a map through the narrow streets.

In some lanes, grass grew up between the cohhlestnnes, round as river rocks. The town, high and serene, is preserved in its medieval incarnation. Three-story stone apartments lined the streets shnulder to shoulder. A soothing mist hung in the streets and amplified the smallest sounds. In an unnamed side street, I found a tiny open courtyard with red and hlue hydrangea hushes in pink terra cotta pots. Ericeans are proud of their secret gardens, a remnant of the Islamic culture that permeated Sicily in

the ninth century.

Almost nothing of Aphrodite's temple is left hut its hreathtaking site on a cliff overlooking the sea. In the 12th and 13th centuries, a gray stone fortiess was huilt on the temple's foundation. Two of the castle towers and a few crenellated walls remain, but the temple, like the huming ground at Motya, must be imagined.

A cracked stone platform, overgrown with wild agave plants, sits at the top of a flight of steps inside the castle walls. Here a hundred sacred prostitutes once received Aphrodite's worshippers. The Roman historian Diodorus said that when Roman officials visited "they put aside the gravity of office and enter into play and intercourse with women amidst great gaiety."

When I beaded back to the bus stop. the parking attendant was serenading an American couple. The mountaintop echoed with "O Sole Mio," and Vito Bonanno, a vivacious 60-year-old, sang for us until the bus came.

Theresa M. Maggio, a free-lance writer, wrote this far The New York

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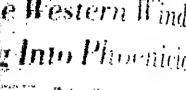
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recipient of last year's Nobel Prize for

'The Slow Food Movement Is Gearing Down to a Snail's Pace virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast Foods.

In less than a decade the movement has attracted more than 40,000 remarkto appreciate this, you don't eveo ably active members who have formed have to be an aficiocado of es- 295 chapters, known as Coovivia, in cargots. For the Helix pomatia (Bur- Italy and a further 110 in 35 countries around the world. From Finland to Slovenia, France to Venezuela, Greece to rial association of food lovers.

Taiwan, Germany to Argentina, Switzerland to the United States, Sweden to Croatia, there are Slow Food executives and members who delight in their gastronomic heritage, promote micro-pur-veyors of traditional fare, arrange tastings and are happy to welcome visitors French historian Jacques Le Goff, the with similar interests.

British wine expert Hugh Johnsoo and the Italian playwright-actor Dario Fo, icon because it stands for slowness,



Food Editore, its prolific publishing TINY ICON "We chose the snail as our arm. "A creature that carries its house oo Literature.

The movement's splendid manifesto declares, "We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious chairman of the movement and of Slow in the same insidious in the same in the same insidious in the same insidious in the same insidious its back feels at home wherever it goes.

of globalization that is making every-thing taste exactly the same wherever primary schools throughout Italy on a traced in detail in 'Osterie d'Italia,' an you are in the world."

The Slow Food Movement is currently involved in opposing what Petrini calls 'the genocide of vegetable and animal Project at its international convention taking part in tasting events. last fall in Orvieto. The initial aim is to document local breeds and produce whose existence is threatened by supermarket culture and the sort of legislation that works for major producers but puts the "artisans" of gastronomy Food Movement has its headquarters, and out of business. Those exquisite, mis-shapen apples of your childhood, for example, Local communities are being encouraged to "adopt" such produce and market it as gourmet fare, restaurants to include it on their menus.

series of Taste Workshops for kids with essential handbook for gourmet travelers plenty of hands-oo involvement. Similar even if they don't feel over-confident programs are also under way in Ger- about their knowledge of Italian. Englishmany. And adults are being encouraged species." To this end it launched the Ark to expand their sensorial perceptions by

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Piedmontese town of Bra, where the Slow oo a large and adventurous scale at the biennial Hall of Taste in Turin, this year from Nov. 5 to 9. The Hall of Taste will include an international food and wine market, taste and cookery workshops. kitchens, wine cellars and theme halls. But to get back to the snail: This small mollusk now features in the window of

teachers, politicians, planners, designeis and geologists from all over the world.

ism of modern lifa."

speaking readers will also find "Italian

Wines 1998" clear and unbiased. And

armchair travelers can consult the English edition of Slow Food's much-praised

"Guide to the Wines of the World" at the

But the foremost standard-bearer of

snaildom is the quarterly magazine Slow,

which comes out in Italian, English and

German editions, and will shortly appear

in French and Spanish as well: a playful

and informative collection of essays and

articles on food, drink and related mat-

ters by writers, food and wine producers.

modernity as his subject, and his ability to capture the epic quality of daily experiance earned him tha reputation of painter of the "herç-

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Corcoran Gallery of Art, tel: (202) 639-1700, closed Tuesdays. To

June 22: "Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance."

Paintings, sculptures, photo-

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simple eateries throughout Italy, in much of Germany and parts of Catalonia as Kate Singleton is o writer based in well. It stands for genuine local fare at Italy.

MOVIE GUIDE



Federico Luppi in John Sayles's "Men With Guns."

MEN WITH GUNS

Directed by John Sayles. U.S. "Men With Guns" is not what its title suggests — a Tarantinostyle bloodfest, perhaps, or a goofy caper written by the "Naked Gun" people. Set in a deliberately nonspecified region in Latin America, where a protracted civil war destroys the very people both sides are fighting over, the movie is a weapon of a subiler, but no less explosive, caliber. The first thing that will strike viewers - but only momentarily - is that the writerdirector John Sayles, veteran darling of American independent cinema, is directing a Spanish-language drama, And why nor? With the exception of Mandy Patinkin and Kathryn Grody, who play a pair of goofy American tourists just passin' through, all the characters are Latin American. And this story, which includes snatches of the Nahuatl, Tzotzil, Maya and Kuna languages, speaks universally of moral responsibility in the face of civil unrest and atrocity. Humberto Fuentes (Federico Luppi), a wealthy doctor who works in the capital of his country, is about to be challenged to his core. A widower on the verge of retirement, he decides to take his annual vacation in the mountains where his former students work as doctors in various, impoverished villages. Humberto, a political naif whose favorite patient is an army general, intends to see the medical legacy he has so proudly left. Along his route, he picks up a young borneless boy called Conejo (Dan Rivera Gonzalez), who acts as his guide; Domingo (Damian Delgado), a guntoting deserter who initially robs the doctor, only to return needing attention for bullet wounds, and Portillo (Damian Alcazar), an eccentric, calmly assured individual who claims to be a defrocked priest. With his various companions, Humberto's quest becomes a "Heart of Darkness"-type journey through a jungled no-man's land of chaos and moral breakdown. This is a world of relentless poverty and hopelessness, where people identify themselves with the low-paying trades they pursue. There are "banana people," "coffee people," "gum people," "sugar-cane people" and, worst of all, "men with guns" who plunder villages, rape women and kill anyone deemed to have aided and abetted their opponents. Sayles, who has made many films between the 1980 "Return of the Secancus Seven" and the 1996 "Lone Star," has created one of this finest works. It enriches us with a thought-provoking finale, deeply memorable characters, a profound respect for the indigenous peoples in the story and an eclectic Latin and world music sound track that de-regionalizes and widens the cultural scope of the movie. That's oot too shabby an achievement for a (Desson Howe, WP)

\$2.5 million movie.

GADJO DILO Directed by Tony Gatlif. France. Stephane (Romain Duris) who looks more like a rocker than an anthropologist, is on the road in Romania, charting his path in Gypsy territory. He is looking for a mythical singer, a voice on a tape left by his father, on a mission to understand a mysterious culture. The mission, which takes him to the outskirts of gray Bucharest, may have a touch of reverence, but he quickly bumps into realities and characters who wel-come his crazy foreign ways. Stephane's guides, the hard-drinking Izidor (Izidor Serban) and, especially, the seductive Sabina (Rona Hartner), lead him on a musical chase and take him to hidden places in himself. He loses the notion of reverence and of foreignness and joins in their music. As he dashes after Sabina, trying to learn from her, she eludes and captivates him. Gatlif, who directed "Les Princes" and 'Latcho Drom,' knows bow to film a people oo the move, in free fall. He uses mostly nonprofessionals and brings out the Gypsy in the French actor Duris, and in the superb Hartner, an actress from Bucharest. Gadjo Dilo is a musical on the theme 15 Three before of displacement, an adventure that gets to the basics beyond folklore of the Gypsy predicament. (Joan Dupont, IHT) 16 Father

JUST ANOTHER DAY Directed by Sotoki Kemmochi. Japan. Kono is a dropout in the big city. He runs uppers and downers and talks his sidekick, Takase, into joining him. He has met and talks his sidekick, Takase, into joining him. this girl, Nanae, an illustrator as hopeless as they are, and all three decide to party a little. Nothing leads to anything much and, having stayed up all night, the sleepy two set out on their meaningless "job." This is all that happens, but just beneath the deadpan surface of this ferocious first feature is as devastating a criticism as the cinema has in some time dealt consumerist Japan. These 25-year-old "kids" are such creatures of their current culture that they doo't even know something is the matter. She guesses — wants to do childreo's books so the little readers "will feel better about being themselves" — but nothing will come of this. As for the boys, one can barely get out of his reoted room because of the piled up comic books and the other is busy doing his hair. Nothing resonates and nobody cares. Well, the director cares and bere draws a perfect picture of pathological aimlessness: coreless kids without a clue. He gives not one word of advice, casts not even a glance of blame — just shows his pathetic people letting it all hang out. But at the end, when the two boys miss their stop because they are engrossed in a manga comic, even he has had enough and stops the film. "Itsumo no yo ni" is the Japanese title of the picture and it might be no yo ni'' is the Japanese title of This." And so, says the rendered as "It's Always Like This." And so, says the (Donold Richie, IHT) sudden "End" title, it is.

AUSTRIA

Bank Austria Kunstforum, tel: (1) 71181-5737, open dally. Continuing/ To June 28: "Das Auge des Sammiers: Monet bis Picasso." Brings together 100 Impres-sionisi, Pointilliat, Cubisi end Ex-

pressionist paintings.
Palais Harrach, tel: (1) 525-24403, open daily. Continuing/ To Aug. 8: "Henry Moore." An exhibition of 85 sculptures and 40 draw-ings by the British sculptor (1898-1988).

BELGIUM

Musee d'Art Ancien, tel: (2) 508-Musee of Art Ancien, len; (2) suggested and Ancien, len; (2) Suggested and Ancien, len; (2) To June 28: "Rene Magritte."

200 paintings, gouaches, drawings and objects by the Belgian realist artist (1898-1967).

De Visamse Opera, lel: (9) 225-24-25. Robert Carsen directs and Marc Minkowski conducts Jules Massenet's "Cendrillon," with Re-becca Evans in tha titla rola, April 24, 26, 28, 30 and May 2. The opera will be performed in Antwerp (tel: (3) 233-6685) on May 10, 12, 14, 16 and 19.

www.viaamseopera.be MORLANWELZ Musee Royal de Mariemont, tel: (64) 21-21-93, closed Mondays. To ne 21: "Auguste Rodin: Les Bourgeois de Calais — Posterite et Filiations." A panorama of scutpture from the end of the 19th century to data. Featuras works by Rodin, Bary. Camille Claudel, Gi-

accmetti, Matisse, Ruda and Zadiene, among others.

BRITAIN The Royal Photographic Soci-To May 17: "Walls and Windows: Colour Photographs by Dorothy Bohm." Whether Bohm photographs mannequins in shop win-dows, fragments of posters or urban building sites, she continuously axplores the relationship between two and three dimen-sional realities.

Royal Academy of Arts, tal: (171) 300-800, open daily. Continuing/ To June 14: "The Art of Holy Rus-sia: Icons From Moscow, 1400-1660." Icons and manuscripts on loan from Russian museume.

www.royalacademy.org.uk
Tate Gallery, tet (171) 887-8000,
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17: "Bornard." Nearly 100 works bytha Franch painlar (1867-1947). The paintings include landscapes still lifes, interiors, the celebrated

bathroom pictures and self-por-

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CANADA National Gallery of Canada, tel (813) 990-1985, open daily. To July 12: "Picasso: Masterworks from the Museum of Modern Art." On loan from the New York MOMA. 100 paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings. The exhibition leads

us through Picasso's collages to

his brightly colored paintings of the

1920s and '30s.

Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, lel: 01-42-18-56-77, closed Mondays. To May 17: Panamarenko: La Grande Exposition des Soucoupes Volantes." A modet machines - most of which been designed with scientific precision by Panamarenko (bom 1940). The works, both playful and utopian, are full of allusions to Leonardo da Vinci. The exhibition Includes drawings and sketches.
Grand Palais, tel: 01-44-13-1717, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/
To June 29: "L'Art au Temps des
Rois Maudits." Documents artistic creativity in Paris and the provinces during the final decades of the French royal house of the Capetians from 1285 to 1328. Continuing/ To July 20: "Dela-

croix: Les Demieres Annees, 1850-1863." More than 110 paintings and drawings created by the French painter (1798-1863) during his tast years. The 1998 bicentenniat celebration of Delacroix features several other axhibitions in Perls and alse-

"Delacroix: Le Trait Romantique." (Bibliotheque Nationale da France, tel: 01-47-03-81-10. To July 13.); • "Eugene Delacroix et Frederk Villot: Le Roman d'Une Amitie." (Musee National Eugene Dela-croix, tel: 01-44-41-86-50, closed Tuesdays and May 1. To July 31); "Delacroix ou la Naissance d'un Nouveau Romantisme." (Musee

· "Eugene Delacroix Dans les Col-

Mae West caricature at Washington's Portrait Gallery. lections du Musee." (Musee Conde, Chantilly, tel: 03-44-62-62, closed Tuesdays, To July 20.): "Delacroix en Touraine." (Muses

des Beaux-Arts, Tours, tel: 02-47-21-38-91, closed Tuesdays. May 15 to July 31); "Dessins et Aquarelles de Delacroix." (Musee Bonnat, Bay-

onne, tel: 05-59-59-08-52, closed Tuesdays and holidays. July 3 to Sept. 28). Musee Camavalet, tel: 01-42-72are in working order — that have been designed with scientific pre- 28: "Chaumat Paris: Deux Siecles "A de Creation." Mora than 200 pieces of Jewelry, religious items, and gold and silver plated objects created in the French Jew

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With Slegfried Jerusalam and Gabriele Schnaut. April 24, 29 and Sturtgart
Staatsgalerie, tel: (711) 2124070. closed Mondays. Continuing/ To June 1: "Paul Gauguin:
Tahiti." Works created by Gauguin
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the reality of colonialism.

GREECE The Megaron, tel: (1) 728-2000, open daily. To June 30: "Traasures of Armenia." On loan from Armenian museums, a displey of illumin-ated manuscripts, sculptures, and des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, tel: 02-35-71-28-40, closed Tuesdays. To

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ITALY Teatro alla Scale, tel: (2) 860-787.

Museo Archeologico, tel: (41) 522-59-78, open daily. Continu-ing/ To May 31; "Nefartari: Light of Egypt." Statues, lewelry and other objects discovered in Nefartari's

Het Musiekthe 54-55. Riccardo Chailly conducts a new production of "Tosca." Catherine Malfitano sings the title role,

SPAIN

More than 30 paintings by the Bel-gian painter (1897-1994). Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, tel: (91) 420-3944, closed Mon-days. Continuing/ To May 31:

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44-10, closed Mondays. Continu ing/ To May 24: "Scandinavie and Garmany, 1800-1814: Encountars

SWITZERLAND Fondation de l'Hermitage, tel: (21) 320-50-71, closed Mondays. Continuing/To_June 1: "Pointilfisme: Sur les Traces da Seurat." More than 100 Pointillist paintings and drawings by mora than 40 artists including Souret, Signac, Jan Toorop and Picabla.

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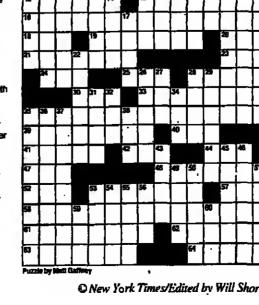
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Fundacion Juan March, tel: (1) 435-4240, open daily. Continuing/ To June 14: "Paul Delvaux."

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Opernhaus, tel: (1) 268-6666. Premiere of Ermanno Wolf-Ferran's "Sty." The rarely performed 1927 opera by the Venetian com-poser (1876-1948) is conducted by Ratael Fruhbeck da Burgos with Jose Carerras singing the role of the vagabond poet. May 9, 14, 17

UNITED STATES LOS ANDELES

Getty Center, tel: (310) 440-7360, closed Mondays. To Juty 5: "Prayerbook for a Queen: The Houra of Jeanne d'Evreux." Because they were recently removed from the himiting the project of the second statement. binding, the main pages of the Hours, created by the Parisian illuminator Jean Pucelle early in the 14th century, can be exhibited si-multaneously. The exhibition will next be on view at the Matropolitan

Museum in New York. www.getty.edu.

www.nga.gov. National Portrait Gallery, tet: (202) 357-2700, open daily. To New York Metropolitan Opera House, tel: (212) 362-6000. April 23 to May 8: "Kirov Opera Festival." Valari Ger-giev, director of the Marinsky Aug. 23: "Celebrity Cariceture in America," Samples of a form of portraiture that allows baseball stars to compete with presidenta in the pantheon of the famous. heatre, conducts performances of Borodin's "Prince tgor," Prokofiev's "Betrothal in a Monastary," **CLOSING SOON** Glinka's "Ruslan and Lyudmila and Tchaikovsky's "Mazeppa." www.matopera.org April 19: "Syrian Icons." Museum

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. Continuing/To May 12: "Fernand Leger." Leger (1831-1955) chose fornia Pelace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco. Isn't it time



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Iran Cleric **Makes Plea** For Unity

Khamenei Seeks to Mend Split Over Mayor's Arrest

By Douglas Jehl
New York Times Service

CAIRO — Iran's supreme leader called Thursday for unity as part of a renewed effort to head off a political rupture over a legal case involving the mayor of Tehran, who was freed from

prison Wednesday: In remarks broadcast oo Iranian tele-visioo, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khameoei warned Iranians against trying to choose between rival branches of government. The branches' differences have been laid bare in the case, a flashpoint for moderates and conservatives who have been vying to shape the country's course.

But it remained apparent that many Iranians saw the episode as a symbol of the broader struggle for power.

Io Tehran on Thursday, huodreds of

well-wisbers flocked to the home of the mayor, Gholam-Hossein Karbaschi, where they chanted welcoming slogans, distributed celebratory sweets and erec-ted a buge portrait of their bero at the eod of his street. The visitors included top aides to Presideot Mohammed Khatami whose government has fiercely defended the mayor against corruption charges brought by the conservative-dominated judiciary and its leader, Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi.

Mr. Karbaschi, 44, is a close ally of Mr. Khatami's, the moderate cleric who won an upset victory in May over can-didates supported by the conservative

Many Iranian moderates regard the case against Mr. Karbaschi as part of a broader bid to obstruct Mr. Khatami's agenda. During the 11 nights the mayor spent in jail, their animosity had begue Three to erupt in street demonstrations.

The decisioo to free Mr. Karbaschi on bail was an undisguised effort by Ayatollah Khameoei to defuse those tensions, according to Iranian analysts and diplomats, as was the ayatollah's televisioo appearance Thursday on the occasion of the Eid al Ghadir, a Sbiite Muslim feast. In his remarks, Ayatollah Khamenei said that Iranians were "duty-bound" to support both the government and the iudiciary and that "all forces" sboold "join hands to keep boisted the flag of

Islam with amity and sympathy."

As if to underscore that message, Ayarollah Khamenei was pictured seated in a chair, while on the floor beoeath him were President Kahatami; Ayatollah Yazdi; and Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, the

conservative speaker of Parliament. Uoder the law, Mr. Karbaschi could have been held without bail for a month. But his early release does not mean the charges against him have been dropped; although no date bas beeo set.

A oumber of Mr. Karbaschi's top subordinates have been convicted of similar corruptioo charges as part of a broad inquiry beguo by judicial officials began sbortly after Mr. Khatami's victory.

U.S. Defends Persian Broadcasts

The State Department said a planned increase in U.S.-financed radio broadcasts to Iran was designed to "enrich" domestic political debate, not 10 undermine the Iranian government, Reuters reported from Washingtoo.

Under pressure from the Republicanled Congress, the State Department has been discussing how to increase Persianlanguage broadcasts without derailing tentative steps toward U.S.-Iranian reconciliation initiated by President

The purpose of these broadcasts is not to beam anti-government propa-ganda into Iran," the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, said Wednesday. "Rather, this oew service would provide more detailed factual reporting on political, social and foreign policy

issues affecting Iran.
But no one should misinterpret this as an attempt to undermine the Iranian government or as in any way diluting the very clear position we have that we are encouraged by the developments in Iran."



Mayor Gholam-Hossein Karbaschi of Tehran, after his release on bail.

Blair to Head for Mideast

Trip Will Test 'New Specific Proposals' From EU

LONDON — Fresh from securing a political agreement in Northern Ireland, nizing the limitations of our role and the Prime Minister Tony Blair flies to the Middle East on Friday armed with new European Union plans to belp revive its

Mr. Blair will spend five days in the region, visiting Egypt, Saudi Arabia,

On the eve of the trip, Mr. Blair made clear he was anxious about the state of the Arab-Israeli talks and signaled he had only limited expectations of success.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Jordan's King Hussein met unexpectedly in Eilat, Israel, to discuss ways to break the im-

Mr. Blair said that EU efforts would concentrate on key agreements made by Palestinian and Israeli oegotiators in peace talks in Oslo four years ago that

bave oot yet beeo implemented.
"We are deeply concerned that the spirit of Madrid and Oslo has evaporated and that the promise of those agreements bas oot been fulfilled," he told the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram in an interview published Thursday. He was referring also to the 1991 Middle East conference

Mr. Blair said this week that it would

bringing people together," he said while on a short vacation in Spaio, "recogdifficulties that we will encounter.

Foreigo Secretary Robin Cook, whose owo trip to Israel in March ended in disarray, told Parliament that Mr. Blair would be armed with "oew specific proposals" to help the peace process nove forward.

The peace talks ground to a ball last year amid the construction of Jewish settlements in occupied Arah lands, a series of Palestinian suicide bombings against Israeli targets and disputes over

Israeli troop deployments.

Britain now holds the EU's rotating presidency, and, before his trip last month, Mr. Cook launched an ambitious

EU plan to reinvigorate the process. Mr. Blair said in the Al Ahram interview that he did not believe Wasbingtoo would withdraw from the Middle East peace process despite its frustratioo with the prolonged stalemate.

He said he was aware from his dis-cussions with President Bill Clintoo of Washingtoo's frustratioo at the lack of a hreakthrough. "But I do oot have the impression that they are about to dis-

ogage," he said. Mr. Blair also said he would use his visit to advance ideas oo interim ecobe difficult to gauge the prospects of success before the trip. "We'll obvi-

plan that allows the government to ex-

port oil to buy good to reduce civilian

Wednesday, the UN secretary-general recommended that Iraq be allowed to

import \$300 million in equipment to

upgrade its wells and pipelines. Mr. Anoan based bis recommendation on a sur-

vey made by a team of independent oil experts working for the Dutch company

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Israel Will Free

More Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Israel has

promised to release next week two

more Palestinian political activists

held for years without trial, their

attorney said Thursday.

On Wednesday, Israel freed two

leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical faction of the Palestine Liberation

Israeli media reported that the

releases were part of a deal between

the Popular Front and Israel's Shin

Bet security service. One of the de-

tainees, Ahmed Qaramesh, and his

attorney, Jawad Boulos, denied a deal had beeo struck. (AP)

A 4th Party Backs

Organization.

KADUNA, Nigeria — The dominant United Nigeria Congress Party said Thorsday that it had adopted the military ruler Sani Abacha as its candidate for presidential electrons in August

ideotial elections in August.

The party is one of four out of five registered parties that have proposed General Abacha as a pres-

idential candidate. Geoeral Abacha, 54, has yet 10 say whether be will run for the presidency, but bas dooe nothing to stop a huge campaign on his behalf that has received the backing of state agencies. (Reuters)

U.S. Sees Hostages In Colombia at Risk

BOGOTA - As Colombian troops continued an air and ground offensive against leftist rebels bolding four Americans this week, U.S. officials said the military actions could endanger the bostages.

"We expressed our coocern about this activity to the Colombian mil-itary," a State Department official said. "I think they understood."

Members of a goerrilla group seized the Americans, an Italian and more than two dozen Colombians oo March 23 near Villavicencio, southeast of the capital. (WP)

For the Record

Mexico has expelled three Norwegians who were arrested in the state of Chiapas for allegedly manning a rebel roadblock, Norwegiao embassy officials said. (Reuters)

Turin Shroud Is Moved To Exhibition Showcase

TURIN — The Shroud of Turin, which according to tradition was used to wrap the body of Christ after the Crucifixion, was moved Thursday to a ventilated showcase in Turin cathedral, where it is to go oo show for two

Three millioo people from Italy and around the world are expected to make the journey to see the relic, despite scientific tests in 1988 that indicated the shroud dates from the Middle Ages rather than from the time of Jesus.

The shroud, which was almost destroyed by fire last year, is being kept in a controlled atmosphere monitored by computers, and will be guarded around the clock by 50 security officers.

The system will show up the slight-

est change in conditions conserving the shroud so action can be takeo imme-diately," said Doo Guiseppe Ghiberti, one of the organizers of the exhibition that starts Saturday and runs until June 14. The last exhibit was in 1978.

Pope John Paol II is planning a trip to Turin on May 24 to see the shroud.

IRAQ: 'No Progress' Seen in Meeting Criteria to End Sanctions

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of biological and chemical weapons," he added.

stripped of all equipment and even fur-"It was clearly apparent that all sites had undergone extensive evacuation," a separate report by the leader of the arms inspectors who visited the eight sites said this week. "In all the sites outside of

Baghdad, for example, there were no documents and no computers."

The report, by Charles Duelfer, deputy executive chairman of the disarmameot commission, also said that the Republican Palace, Mr. Saddam's official residence in Baghdad, had been

Inspectors and diplomats who visited the sites were almost literally boxed in by government "minders" who at times outnumbered inspectors hy six or seven to one, a participant in the inspections said. The group moved in huge convoys from place to place, with plenty of ootice to Iraqi officials.

deaths and maint the restrictions.

Iraq is also no campaign to get its oil-production.

evacuated.

Some inspectors and diplomats were stunned by the opulence of the presideotial palaces, which one visitor described as "beyond ostentation." Im-Diplomats and inspectors who took ported materials soch as marble, Persian part in the visits to presidential sites in carpets and wide-screen televisioo re-iraq say that they found buildings ceivers defined some rooms that by one estimate must bave cost millions of dollars to furnish,

Mr. Saddam, who has lavisbed several bundred billions of dollars oo projects of self-glorification, according to a former Iraqi minister oow in exile in Europe, had meanwhile limited or prohibited imports of essential civilian goods until last year, using the lack of basic food and medicines as propaganda against the United States and others who have voted consistently to maintain tight

The Security Council recently raised the limit on Iraqi oil exports to \$5.2 billion over six months, more than double the \$2 billion in oil that Iraq had been able to sell until this year. Even factoring in fluctuating oil prices, the Saybolt experts coocluded, Iraq would not be able to pump \$5 billioo with its dilapidated equipment. The Iraq claims are beginning to gain dilapidated equipment. responde in the West, where relief groups are forming to aid Iraqis and oppose the sanctions, blaming the em-Security Council, where questions are certain to be raised about Mr. Saddam's bargo rather than Iraqi policies for the deaths and malnutrition in Iraq linked to lavish speoding on palaces and other money coold not be used in more pro-

Iraq is also making headway in its money campaign to get UN approval to expand ductive its oil-productioo capacity under the Iraqis.

G-7: A Call for New Financial 'Architecture'

world's economic architecture for the G-7 summit meeting in Birmingham, England, next month, explained the oeed for

a better system Tuesday.
Noting that some \$250 billioo of private capital flowed to emerging markets in 1996, more than 10 times the level of a decade ago, Mr. Rubin said this explained "wby fluctuations in the Thai baht or the fortunes of the Korean stock market can now affect workers, farmers and husinesses in the United States and all over the world.

On Thursday, the IMF's policy-set-ting Interim Committee discussed plans to improve surveillance and the quality and timeliness of data, to introduce a new global code of good fiscal conduct and to persuade poorer countries that opening up their capital markers would actually help them in future. The topic was taken up Thursday at a meeting of G-7 and ministers from 15 countries in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Rubin noted that nearly 80 percent of the IMF's membership does not even participate in a new data dissemination system that was introduced in 1996. He said the IMF might consider making public which countries did and did not participate "so that creditors and investors can reflect that status in their decisions."

foreign-currency debts from both the public and private sectors.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany said that because some countries had ignored warnings before the Asian crisis struck, the IMF should coosider issuing public warnings if countries ignored confidential ones. Gordon Brown, Britain's chancellor

of the Exchequer, told the IMF on Thursday that "events in Asia show that lack of openness and transparency breeds instability." He urged that countries be punished for failing to provide all the data called for by the IMF.

Separately, Mr. Brown and his Canadian counterpart, Paul Martin, each made specific proposals to set up a waichdog that would survey the competence of domestic banking supervisor around the world

While G-7 and IMF officials agree on the need for a new architecture, some aspects may prove a hard sell.

For one thing, a number of developing countries are balking at some of the stricter rules being proposed. Equally, the ideas of U.S.-style disclosure, regulation and marker-opening steps do not sit well with many developing countries.

"The growing debate on architecture of the global financial system is reassuring." said Finance Minister Anwar He also called for bener disclosure of Ibrahim of Malaysia.

But he stressed that "the free-market theology preached by some whose motives are hardly altruistic is being held aloft for closer examination by those who are directly affected by the toll it exacts on social concerns.'

Even in the industrialized world, not everyone is eager to do more than relouch bits and pieces of international financial architecture.

The goal, said David Lipson, a U.S. Treasury undersecretary, is oot to remake the world system, but to improve it with "adaptations." Mr. Lipton said the process began

three years ago, after the Mexican crisis of 1995. Some experts, however, say that despite all the talk about a new architecture, there simply may not be any fail-safe solution.

Rubin Calls for Flexible Europe

Mr. Rubin said Thursday that the success of Europe's single-currency project would depend on reducing unemploy-ment and making European markets more open and more flexible.

We are beginning to see signs that the current recovery is becoming wider and deeper." Mr. Rubin said. "However. unemployment remains at extremely high levels, and a significant reduction will necessitate implementation of labor market reforms and greater openness of product and financial markets. 'As Europe moves loward monetary

union. he said. it is important that policies in this region be directed at it to her allegations that Mr. Clinton's fostering domestic demand-led growth, reducing high levels of unemployment



AWESTRUCK - Orthodox Christians looking up as lightning hit the minaret of a mosque adjacent to the Church of the Holy Sepulcbre in Jerusalem on Thursday. The bolt damaged the 12-century Mosque of Omar as thousands of pilgrims gathered to celebrate the Eastern Orthodox Church's Easter Week.

Chirac Insists That the Euro Will Give France Strength

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac. seeking to dampen a new wave of Euroskepticism here less than a week before the legislature is to vote on joining Europe's planned single currency, said Thursday that a united Europe would give France "the strength and the means to defend its interests and realize its

Mr. Chirac also declined to put to rest the only outstanding conflict in the passage to the euro, by defending France's candidate for president of the European Central Bank, Jean-Claude Trichet, the head of the French central bank. Most prospective members of the monetary union support Wim Duisenberg, the former Dutch central bank chief who heads the European Monetary Institute.

With the birth of the euro, the head of the European Central Bank will become one of Europe's most powerful figures. The holder of the post will lead in setting interest-rate and anti-inflation policies for the countries that adopt the euro. Some analysts fear that if the bank head is not selected before the euro members are, it will signal instability and political caprice to financial markets.

Although France has always been an ardent supporter of European integration, in recent days poliocal opponents of the euro have protested more loudly against the loss of sovereignty that the new money entails. Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement, a political maverick.

recently compared the march toward the euro with the sinking of the Titanic. Charles Pasqua, a prominent conservative lawmaker, said the euro Jacques Chirac seeking Thursday to would lead to "the disappearance of France as a sovereign power."

The French National Assembly is to vote in the middle of next week on whether to drop the French franc officially and adopt the euro, which will be pected to be chosen. introduced at the beginning of next year. Approval is considered a virtual certainty, but the Communist Party and some conservatives, as well as the farright National Front, are against it. Mr. Chirac is from the center right, while too much bureaucracy, excessive gov-France these days is governed by a So-emment spending." he said adding, "We cialist-led alliance that also is in favor of

the euro. On May 2, leaders of the 15 countries of the European Union will meet in efits, Mr. Chirac replied, "Never," Brussels to launch the single currency by picking the countries that will be the first social benefits at risk," he said. But he



quell skepticism over adopting the euro.

Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain — are ex-

Mr. Chirac spoke as much about the need to change France as about the advantages of being in a monetary union with the rest of the continent.

"We have handicaps: Too many taxes, truly responsible." need to reform to succeed in Europe." Asked whether the euro would mean

the end of France's extensive social ben-

"It's not a question of putting our to adopt it. Eleven countries - Austria, added, "We have to modernize."

CLINTON: Paula Jones Plans to Appeal

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shoulder as she spoke. "I was shocked," she said of a ruling made April 1 by Judge Susan Webber Wright of U.S. District Court in Little Rock, Arkansas, that the soit against Mr. Clinton did not merit a trial.

Mrs. Jooes said she had taken time to decide whether the stress on her family made an appeal worthwhile. "Despite the continuing personal strain on my family and me, in the end, I have not come this far to see the law let men who have dooe such things dodge their re-

sponsibility," Mrs. Jones said. Her statement, tightly drafted hy her attorneys, was her first public comment on the case since the dismissal. In the four years since she first aired

her allegations against Mr. Clinton, which he denies, Mrs. Jones has publicly spoken for herself just a few times. There is no one-free-pass rule" in the law, said her attorney, Donovan

John Whitehead, also an anomey, traveled to Dallas on Wednesday with written agreements that the Rutherford Institute, the conservative foundation that he heads, would continue to cover Mrs. Jones's legal expenses through the

We're in it for the long haul, no matter what it costs." he said.

lengthy appeal.

Mr. Clinton, making a state visit to Chile, ignored repeated and shouted questions from reporters about the Jones

Mrs. Jones, 31, has waged a drawn-out fight against Mr. Clinton since she filed a civil suit in 1994 that charged he dropped his trousers and asked for oral sex in a hotel room in Linle Rock on May

An appeal to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis could extend for years a lawsuit that already has inflicted damage on Mr. Clinton in the form of Kenneth Starr's investigation in the Monica Lewinsky case. Mr. Clinton also had to sit for a dif-

ficult deposition in the Jones case in which he was asked about allegations of sexual encounters or affairs with a number of women, including Ms. Lewinsky. a former While House intern. Legally, many observers have said the

Jones team would probably have a tough time reversing Judge Wright's ruling that the lawsuit did not merit a trial. Campbell. "Let a jury decide who is Mr. Whitehead acknowledged as

much. "You can't guarantee a win on

appeal, but we are saying it could be a

partial reversal." he said. In dismissing the Jones suit, Judge Wright said there was not sufficient mer-Arkansas law and that he had sexually harassed her under federal law.

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Westland and Agusta To Fly Off Together

Helicopter Deal Unites 2 Big European Firms

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

*LONDON — Westland Helicopters Ltd. of Britain and Agusta SpA of Italy announced plans Thursday to merge their operations in a move that analysts said could give a boost to a broader restructuring of Europe's defense industry.

The venture, which would have annual sales of about £1 billion (\$1.68 billion), would reduce the number of Europe's helicopter makers to two from three. The combined sales would equal those of the Eurocopter joint venture between Aerospatiale of France and Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG of Germany.

The combination would also narrow the gap that separates Westland and Agusta from Boeing Co., the U.S. company that dominates the global market.

The combined order book of Westland and Agusta, some \$8.5 billion, would be second only to Boeing's. We've beaten others to the punch."

Westland's chief executive, Richard Case, said. The merger will allow Westland and Agusta to participate in further industry restructuring from a position of strength, either with Eurocopter or with American makers such as Textron Inc.'s Bell Helicopter unit or United Tech-nology Corp.'s Sikorsky Aircraft di-

vision, be said.
"I consider this the first step of a broad consolidation," said Amedeo Caporaletti, chief executive of Agusta.

The proposed venture still requires a detailed agreement on pooling assets and profit-sharing between the parent companies GKN PLC, which owns Westland, and Finmeccanica SpA, the

parent of Agusta. The proposed merget represents another step by Finmeccanica to transform itself from a state-owned conglomerate into a private-sector holding company

with stakes in several international joint

Two weeks ago, Finmeccanica said it was near an agreement on establishing a joint venture in missiles and radar between its Alenia defense unit and the GEC Marconi defense-electronics unit of General Electric Co. of Britain.

Analysts welcomed the proposed deal, saying that Westland's predominantly military products - including its Super Lynx naval helicopter and the Apache attack helicopter built under license from Boeing — would com-plement Agusta's mostly civilian offerings. The two companies jointly developed and produce the EH101 medium-lift helicopter for military or civilian use.

GKN shares rose 32 pence, or 2 percent, to close at £16.35 in London.

But for all the enthusiasm, the proposed deal highlighted some of the barriers that continue to prevent Europe's national defense companies from merging into potent rivals for the likes of Boeing and Lockheed Martin Corp.

Westland and Agusta have had ex-ploratory talks with the Eurocopter partners, Mr. Case said, but the French government's control of Aerospanale ruled out any prospect of a merger. ''It's going to be very difficult to do business as long as there is that kind of state ownership," be said. Although Finmeccanica is 63 percent state-owned, the Italian government has announced plans to fully privatize the company. The deal also marks an interesting

turn in Westland's history. In 1986, then-ailing Westland accepted an American-led bailout involving Sikorsky in preference to a European consortium involving Agusta. GKN took a percent stake in 1989 and then bought out Sikorsky and took full control five years later.

Investors Cheer an Outsize Approach Ford is building more pickups and sport-utility vehicles, particularly the biggest models, which has contributed to Wall Street's recent enthusiasm for Ford's stock. SPORT-UTILITY VEHICLES PICKUP TRUCKS STOCK PRICE CHANGE 1.2 million 150% # SMALL, 600 FULL-SIZE '95 '97 '91 '93 '95 '97 '98 NYT

Ford Motor Co. has abandoned some less profitable vehicles in favor of high-margin light trucks such as the Super Duty F-Series, pictured here.

Ford Cashes In on U.S. Lust for the Big Wheels

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky - After years of cranking out low-profit heavytruck tractors through a maze of conveyor belts and robot welders covering more than 100 acres (40 bectares) bere, North America's largest auto factory has a new product. And it is beginning to

earn a fortune for Ford Motor Co. When Ford sold its heavy-truck business to Daimler-Benz AG last year, the company began huilding Super Duty pickups here instead. The profitable pickups, which are taller than Michael Jordan and bave front seats nearly four feet (1.2 meters) off the ground, have been an instant hit since they went on sale in Fehruary. To keep them selling, and the profits rolling, Ford bas brought in a thousand workers from unprofitable factories in Ohio and has begun operating the factory here around the

"This truck plant bas gone from producing low-volume, low-margin vehicles to much higher-volume and certainly much higher-margin vehicles,"
Jacques Nasser, Ford's president of worldwide automotive operations, told thousands of cheering workers recently after driving one of the first big pickups

off the assembly line. Ford is betting more and more on its stars — bigger vehicles that turn bigger profits — and turning its focus away from what was once its heart and soul,

even scrapping some passenger car

"I think much more of the quality of the sales than the number of wheels we drive across the curb," said Alex Trotman, chief executive of Ford, using an

Ford posts higher profit. Page 17.

industry phrase for the number of new

vehicles leaving dealerships. This is a radical departure in Detroit, where automakers have traditionally kept selling every model possible to squeeze out the last ounce of market share. General Motors Corp. has stuck valiantly to this costly strategy, keeping alive dozens of slow-selling cars.

Duty, the Ford Expedition and the Lincoln Navigator - combined with sharp cost reductions across the board - have produced steeply rising profits and a soaring stock price for Ford. lis net earnings rose 56 percent last

A string of successes like the Super

year to a record \$6.92 billion, the fourthhighest profit of any American corpo-After years as a laggard, Ford's stock has more than doubled in price in the

past 12 months. Its sbares closed Thursday at \$49.625, down 25 cents. If gasoline prices rise or the mania for

sport-utility vehicles fizzles, cars might become popular again, hurting such

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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

The Uneven Results of Foreign Pressure on Japan standard cases of gaiassu in the past. At issue is not just the outcome of a lim-

By Reginald Dale tional Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON — It is a well-worn ritual. Washington picks a Japanese trade or economic practice it wants to change and cranks up the pressure on Tokyo. In the end, Tokyo budges, but not very much. Washington claims victory, and, sooner or later, the whole process starts over again.

Gaiatsu, as foreign pressure is called in Japan, is not an ideal way to get results. "Nothing can happen without foreign pressure." says Clyde Prestowitz, president of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington. "But the fact that you continually have to apply it

suggests that it doesn't really work.' Whether gaiatsu will work now is the key question as Japan's friends and allies mount an increasingly desperate and strident campaign to persuade Tokyo to stimulate its economy and open its markets to exports from countries hit by the Asian financial crisis.

The stakes are much higher than in

and possibly the world economy. So far, however, the signs are that Japan will do no more than make its nsnal incremental concessions to foreign opinion, even though this time it is

ited trade dispute between Tokyo and

Washington, but the future of the Asian

not only the United States that is applying pressure but virtually all of the world's major economic powers. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese prime minister, has been lectured on the need for radical action by the European Union, the Group of Seven leading industrialized countries, the International Monetary Fund and the

Organization of Economic Coopera-

tion and Development. Japan has been given unprecedented warnings to assume its international responsibilities by the countries of Southeast Asia and even by Taiwan. The leadership vacuum in Tokyo has been widely and unfavorably compared with China's promise to help the region by not devaluing its currency.

Meanwhile, international experts are stepping up criticism of Japan's much-trumpeted Big Bang financial deregulation plan for not going far enough and the Moody's Investors Service credit rating agency has raised questions about Japan's sovereign

As the pressure has risen, so apparently has Japanese resentment. Americans are accused of ignorance of Japan's politics and its complex taxation system, a charge that may be true but is largely irrelevant, and of failing to respect the rules of the gaiassu ritu-

It seems from various comments that the Japanese understanding of these rules is as roughly follows: Friendly persuasion is all right, hut not humiliation; it is O.K. to press for general economic policy objectives, but not for specific economic targets, and itemized demands may be made on trade policy, hut there can be no questioning of the basic Japanese economic

Despite the urgency, Mr. Hashimoto

game. He has finally budged a little hy agreeing to include tax cuts in his latest economic stimulus package, as Wash-

ington has long demanded. But he is still nowhere near taking the dramatic steps to stimulate and deregulate the economy that Japan's partners, and many Japanese, believe are necessary — not only for everyone else's sake hut for Japan's, too.

Mr. Hashimoto is in a difficult situation. But if record doses of gaiatsu don't work. Japan's partners will be increasingly forced to conclude that only a major crisis will bring Tokyo to its senses, in other words, they will be tempted to wash their hands of Japan

and let it hit rock bottom. That is a conclusion they have always resisted in the past, if only becanse a crisis in Japan could badly damage the rest of the world. But if Tokyo continues in its current paralysis, Japan's friends may in the end

have few other options. Internet address: thinkahead@washpost.com

U.S. Commerce Secretary Faults Encryption Policy

By Jeri Clausing New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The White House's attempts to control encryption technology have been a failure and are causing American software makers to lose ground to competitors, Commerce

Secretary William Daley said. Mr. Daley's remarks to representatives of the high-technology industry were the strongest indication yet that President Bill Clinton's administration was considering rejecting the advice of the FBI director, Louis Freeh, and other law-enforcement and intelligence agen-

cies on how data should be scrambled.
"We are headed down a lose-lose path, and we bave to get back to win-win," Mr. Daley said. He blamed both

industry executives and law-enforce-

ing they had failed to find a compromise between the needs to monitor criminal activities and to offer consumers security for on-line transactions.

The purpose of his speech Wednesday was to release the Commerce Department's first comprehensive report on the impact of electronic commerce on the U.S. economy. The report showed that information technology, including husiness on the Internet, is growing twice as fast as the overall economy, employing about 7.4 million workers at salaries 64 percent above the

national average. But while the report was full of impressive numbers and glowing predictions, Mr. Daley said strong encryption

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U.S. Challenge: To Lift Yen but Keep Dollar Strong

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service the central banks in the lar falling. the Japanese currency in late world's leading industrial— The dollar, which bad been New York trading. (Page 14) world's leading industrialized nations have concluded as Japan has struggled to pull

Group of Seven finance min-rise a little, the United States isters, they offered little explicit help to Tokyo in bol- cline much against the yen. stering the yen, and the U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert last week, when Mr. Rubin Rubin, said the United States said he "welcomed" Japan's Lwas not retreating from its intervention in currency marview that a strong dollar was kets to bolster the yen but in America's interests.

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weakening against the yen beout of its worst financial troupreted on foreign-exchange But at the end of a daylong markets as a sign that while meeting Wednesday of the yen might be allowed to

would not let the dollar de-That was also the message made it clear that the United

the Japanese currency in late

The yen's value bas bethat the yen has fallen too far fore Mr. Rubin spoke, stabil- come an embarrassing indiized afterward. His comments cator of Japan's weakness currency is a political hazard. and the unlikelihood of its imminent recovery. A communiqué issued by the Group of Seven on Wednesday night said the chal-

lenges facing Japan were "se-rious" and had "intensified" in recent months. "What is crucial is to implement quickly a strong pro-gram of effective fiscal measures and structural reforms, the communiqué said.

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WASHINGTON — Top question of how the yen could change market Thursday, was expensive and thus more Hill, including renewed calls finance officials and heads of rise in value without the dolofficials are clearly concerned that the slide has gone

> They also know that a weak The weak yen has kept Japan from importing more goods from Southeast Asia, which is struggling to overcome its own crisis. That has created considerable tension with its

neighbors.
The flood of Japanese imports into the United States. fueled by the weak yen, is greatly increasing the size of Japan's trade surplus with too high. America. U.S. officials have

"I continue to support a States had not spent a penny to strong dollar," be said, care-do the same. The dollar, which benefits from a weak yen, trade gap could reignite a which makes its exports less political outcry on Capitol Hill including renewed calls

nese imports. As soon as the meeting of finance officials ended Wednesday, the participants were putting their distinctive spins on its conclusions, hoping to influence the markets to their

advantage. For example, Japan's deputy minister of finance. Eisuke Sakakibara, noted that considerable time had been spent on the question of whether stock markets around the world, particularly in the United States, had gone

He said after the meeting that the G-7's statement Wednesday suggested that the seven countries — Japan, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Canada and Italy — could decide to intervene in the currency markets simultaneously to drive up the value of the yen.

Mr. Sakakihara, regarded as one of Japan's most powerful finance officials, said that the communiqué "is indicating the possibility of coordinated intervention." He clearly hoped the possibility of such action would dissuade investors from betting on fur-

ther yen weakness. But at a news conference at the Treasury on Wednesday evening, Mr. Ruhin said coordinated intervention in the markets had not been discussed.

icism of Japan. 'Heated'?'' he said. These are finance ministers and central bankers. Our idea of heated is somebody has an extra glass of water. I

wouldn't call it heated."



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Very briefly:

• The New York Times Co., a 50 percent owner of the International Herald Tribune, said first-quarter earnings rose 25 percent, to \$64.6 million, as increased advertising revenue offset rising newsprint costs. Revenue rose 4 percent, to \$722.6 million. The company owns more than 22 newspapers and magazines, as well as several television stations.

• General Dynamics Corp.'s first-quarter profit rose 15 percent, to \$82 million, as the maker of military electronics systems benefited from recent acquisitions that helped sales rise 22 percent, to \$1.15 billion.

 Merck & Co.'s first-quarter profit rose 14 percent, to \$1.16 billion, as sales of new drugs to treat asthma and haldness helped offset declining sales of an older cholesterol-reducer, Mevacor, Sales rose 9 perceot, to \$6.06 hillion.

• Digital Equipment Corp.'s third-quarter profit jumped to \$106 million from \$51 million a year earlier as the computer maker cut costs 5.5 percent, to \$3.09 hillion. Sales slipped 3.6 percent, to \$3.31 hillion, for the period that ended March 28.

• Texas Instruments Inc.'s first-quarter profit tumbled 90 percent, to \$11 million, as memory-chip prices tumbled and revenue fell 3 percent, to \$2.19 hillion; the company took special charges totaling \$244 million.

AP, Bloomberg, Rewers

Doubts on Cendant Deal Hit Shares

MIAMI — Shares of American Bankers Insurance Group 27, against a loss before charges of \$708 million a year and Cendant Corp. tumbled Thursday as investors questioned whether Cendant would stand by its agreement to take over the

American Bankers closed down \$7,375 at \$57.50, while Cendant's shares were off \$16.50 at \$19.125. Late Wednesday, Cendant, which agreed in March to pay

\$3.1 hillioo in cash and stock for American Bankers, said it had uncovered "accounting irregularities" and would restate

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As G-7 Fears Start to Fade

Bridge News

against the yeo Thursday as speculation subsided that the Group of Seven leading industrial nations would intervene together to support the Japanese currency.

Dealers noted that the official statement issued at the G-7 meeting on Wednesday made oo mention of such an effort, instead putting the

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onus on Japan to take steps to "correct" what the G-7 called "excessive" yen weakness.

The dollar was at 131.755 yen in 4 P.M. trading, compared with 129.875 yen late Wednesday.

"The market was concerned the G-7 would say something more regarding their determination to keep the yen strong," said Bill Bertha, senior foreign exchange dealer at Mellon Bank.

The dollar also rose against the Deutsche mark as weaker-than-expected February retail sales lessened expectations that a German rate increase was imminent.

The dollar was at 1.2048 DM, compared with 1.8005 DM late Wednesday. The dollar also rose to 6.0475 French francs from 6.0365 francs and to 1.5033 Swiss francs from 1.4958 francs.

The pound rose to \$1.6913 from \$1.6855, huoyed by comments from Gordon Brown, the British chanthe strength of the pound.

Dollar Rises Blue-Chips Decline as Earnings Fall Short

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NEW YORK - Stocks retreated Thursday, led by drug shares, after of expectations.

The Dow Jones industrial average NEW YORK - The dollar rose closed 85.70 points lower at 9,076.57, its first daily decline in the day, the hlue-chip average was down more than 120 points.

'Earnings are slowing down,' said Shannon Reid, a senior portfolio manager for First Capital Group. "You have to expect days

composite index declined 5.02, to "That makes people nervous."

While Merck said first-quarter 58 after reporting first-quarter earnearnings of 95 cents were 2 cents

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five trading sessions. At its low for short of analysts' estimates. The surged. drugmaker, whose share fell 41/2 to 119%, said the strength of the dollar Japan could drag down the rest of continued to erode the value of its Asia, hurting U.S. profits, traders continued to erode the value of its

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index said Barney Rosen, an analyst with take effective steps to revive the from 5.88 percent. lost 11.15, to 1,108.17. The Nasdaq Argus Research Co. in New York. world's second-largest economy.

Texas Instruments rose 1 7/16 to

Merck reported profit that fell short profit rose 14 percent, per-share ings of 44 cents a share, matching estimates. Orders and memory-chip prices declined, although the company managed to make a profit because net interest and other income

Investors fear that a recession in said. Analysts said the meeting of securities to international investors. of the pharmaceutical companies that have reported so far, oone of them have beat expectations," said Barney Rosen, an analyst said the meeting of the Group of Seven nations that coded Wednesday had failed to encourage the belief that Tokyo would courage the belief that Tokyo would its yield dropped to 5.87 percent

Big Dividend
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passed expectations. Yahoo surged 10 9/16 to 12834 while Excite climbed 8 1/2 to 911/2. U.S. bonds rose for a third day as

the dollar gained against the yen, enhancing the appeal of Treasury The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond gained 8/32 to 103 20/32, and

(Blonmberg, AP)

Fuji-Kodak Battle Moves to the Marketing Front

By Claudia H. Deutsch New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Take your places, folks, the next round of the Fuji-Kodak battle is about to begin. By now, most of the biggest retail outlets - the Wal-Marts, the Price Costcos and such - have signed up with one or both of them. The gladiators are ont of international polities now that Kodak has lost its bid to force Japan to change its mar-

So they are taking their fight to hudgets - though neither company will say by how much - both are touting products instead of the overstressing what the marketing trade below.

keting rules, and they are sick of

price wars.

calls "presence marketing," an attempt to associate their names and products with cultural icons.

Eastman Kodak Co.'s chief marketing officer. New York seems to have been

designated as ground zero by both sides. On April 1, Kodak announced a multimillion-dollar three-year deal to become the official photographic supplier for the New York Yankees.

Kodak products and signs will be uniquitous at Yankee Stadium — as Madison Avenue. Armed with in-creased marketing and advertising was closed by city officials Monday when a 500-pound (225-kilogram) concrete-and-steel beam suspended cellor of the Exchequer, who down-played exporters' concerns about all good-guy/bad-guy idea. Both are and crashed into the empty seats

imaging stations where fans will be camera technologies.

Fuji has long playe "Presence marketing has lan-guished here, and it's high time we rejuvenated it," said Carl Gustin, ternet of themselves morphed into the game and otherwise sample new

> As part of the deal, Fuji Photo Film U.S.A.'s signs on the stadium's outfield wall will have to go; hut Fuji has already erected a huge film hillboard ontside the stadium.

Kodak technologies.

Fuji has also grabbed its own piece of quintessential New Yorkana. It has committed \$1.9 million, a hig chunk of the company's overall advertising budget, to a spot on the final episode of "Seinfeld," which is scheduled to go on the air May 14 before a huge audience. Fnji's think-

Kodak also will install digital most likely to embrace new film and

Fuji has long played catch-up to Kodak in the United States. When Kodak turned down a chance to sponsor the 1984 Olympics, Fuji jumped in. In 1993, when the television series "Cheers" had its final episode, Fuji bought commercial time in key markets. The company's hlimp flies over the U.S. Open tennis tournament. For three years, Puji has had a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

But in part because it has just started manufacturing film in the United States, the stakes for Fuji have gone up.

"We are at a crossroads in this country," said Joan Rutherford Fuji's marketing vice president. "We ing is that "Seinfeld" appeals to have to trumpet our products and educated young people who are innovations more than we have.

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Apple's Net Overachieves Again

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - Confounding the skeptics again, Apple Computer Inc. has reported quarterly earnings that were more than twice the consensus forecast of Wall Street ana-

The surprisingly strong results—the first time the company has posted back-to-back quarterly profits since 1995—helped lift the stock price to \$28.75 at Thursday's close, up \$1.3125. The earnings report was released late Wednesday. Apple earned \$55 million in the quarter that ended March

Sales fell 12 percent, to \$1.41 billion.

"There's no smoke and mirrors here; they just happen to be profitable," said Daniel Kunstler, an analyst with J.P. Morgan

"At some point, they've got to pull their nose up in terms of revenues, hut they know that, and they did get the unit couot up," he said, referring to Apple's 8 perceot gain in unit shipments for the quarter.

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AMEX Thursday's 4 P.M. Close



The 300 most traded stocks of the day,

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Big Dividend Set for GEC **And Alcatel**

Compiled by Our Shall From Desputches PARIS — Aicalel Alsthom SA and General Electric Co. of Britain will draw a combined special dividend of about \$1.3 billion from GEC Alsthorn before selling a majority of the joint venture in an initial public offering in June, Alcatel said

Thursday. The payment, which will be split between the French telecommunications-equipment maker and the British electronics producer, will compensate for investments made since GEC Alsthom was formed in

1989, an Alcatel spokesman said. The two companies plan to sell 52 percent of GEC Alsthom, an energy and transport-equipment company valued at about \$6.7 billion, in what is expected to be Europe's biggest initial public offering this year. The sale will free GEC Alsthom to form alliances and allow Alcatel to focus on the rapidly growing area of telecommunications hardware and GEC to participate in Europe's defense

industry consolidation. Alcatel's chairman, Serge Tchuruk, said in March that the flotation of a 52 percent stake in GEC Alsthom would take place before the end of June. market conditions permitting.

This clearly shows how both shareholders really want to streamline operations and give GEC Al-sthom its independence without maintaining a pile of cash, which can better be used at pareot level, said Emmanuel Dubois-Pelerin, an

analysi at Standard & Poor's Corp. GEC said in November it would use mooey raised from the share sale to finance acquisitions in its main businesses. Analysis expect Alcatel to use part of the mooey to reduce its debt, which stood at 11.9 billioo French francs (\$1.9 billion) at the eod of 1997. (Bluomberg, Reuters)

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

GSM Cell Phones Called Secure

LONDON - Major European mobile operators said Thursday that they would not change the security formulas used in wireless telephone services even though two researchers at a U.S. university said they had found a way to break the code that protects them.

"I don't consider what we've seen as a serious breach of security. but rather as a academic problem, said Arne Foxman, seoior engineer at Tele Danmark A/S's Mobile "You need access to the global

system for mobile communications card and a very large com-puter capacity to break the code. and even then you need to break the code for each individual GSM

The global system for mobile communication, or GSM, refers to calls. the technology that is designed to

Sweden Considers

STOCKHOLM - Swedeo

said Thursday that it might is-

sue a 2 billion euro bond next

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biggest wireless telephone com- call. pany, also said it had no plans to change its security code.

'GSM is secure, and we don't know of any case of successful cloning, said a spokesman, Chiara Fracassi, adding: "I'm skeptical about the reports from the United States. We believe there is no danger."

Two researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, David Wagner and Ian Goldberg, reported this week that they had found a way to copy the code used to identify phone users on a GSM network. They suggested that it would not be much more difficult to listen in on eccrypted digital

That.

Omnipoint said it was virtually Italia Mobile SpA. Europe's impossible to eavesdrop on a GSM

> The GSM Memorandum of Understanding organization plans to implement new algorithms - the underlying mathematical formulas in the encryption design — this year, at which point Tele Danmark

will update its security code. The four British mobile phone operators use individually assigned algorithms, which have not

been broken. We have our owo security alorithms, rather than the basic GSM specifications, so our security code hasn't been broken," said Corime Norris, a spokeswoman at Vodafone Group PLC, the largest British mobile phone operator.

'We are confident that we don't prompted Omnipoint have a problem, because we have prevent the "cloning" of a digital Corp., a regional wireless com- our own added security.

Reacting to French Official, **Bonn Calls Euro Unsinkable**

missed comments by the French in- the ice it'll be too late." terior minister, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, comparing Europe's planned single currency to the illfated voyage of the Titanic.

saying the bond would make the Swedish debt market more attractive to foreigners after the commitment to the currency union. Mr. Chevenement's comments start of the euro, Sweden is consideriog joining the commoo currency later. were published Wednesday in the 'The EU countries joining the single

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The German spokesman said that in the German version of the movie, the Economic and Monetary Union hoat does oot sink. Bonn "has no "We see these comments as a doubt" that currency union will prodomestic political issue, not a Euro- ceed on time, with the participants pean one," a German government recommended by the European spokesman said, adding that Bonn Commission, and that the euro will was still "convinced" of France's be as stable as the Deutsche mark, the spokesman said.

Alison Conrell of PaineWebber International in London, dismissed weekly newsmagazine Die Woche. Mr. Chevenement's comments as "internal party politicking."

Accepts Bid By Telewest

Bloomberg News

LONDON — Telewest Communications PLC. Britaio's secondlargest cable television company. agreed Thursday to buy General Cable PLC for £915 million (\$1.54 billioo) in stock, cash and assumed debt, turning up the heat in a race to dominate the British cable market.

It said it would offer 1.243 new Telewest shares and 65 pence in cash to holders of each General Cable share to create a cable operator reaching 5.8 million homes in Britain. Telewest also would assume General Cable's debt of £266 million.

The takeover is only the first of many expected acquisitions to an industry that needs to consolidate, said Alan Lyons, analyst at ABN-AMRO. British cable companies are jockeying to increase market share through acquisitions after attracting fewer customers than expected.

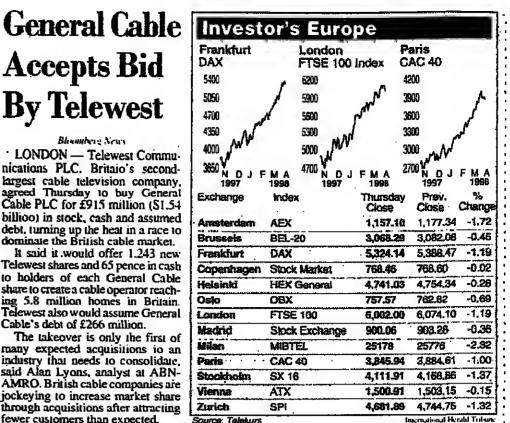
'What matters in this industry is size, so that you can exploit economies of scale," Mr. Lyons said. The question oow is, which of the bigger groups created by Cable & Wireless Communications and Telewest are the remaining small cable companies going to join?

Telewest has paid a fair price.
The Telewest-General Cable transaction is expected to be completed by late June, said Charles Burdick, finance director of Tele-

General Cable's shares closed up pence at 165. Telewest's shares fell 3.5 to 85.5 after rising as much 2.2 percent.

General Cable also said its 1997 loss nearly tripled, to £83.2 million, after it bought the 50 percent stake it did not already owo in Yorkshire Cable and acquired Imminus Ltd., a data-communications company. It tonk a one-time reorganization charge of £36,7 million.

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· British Airways PLC will replace some of its orders for Boeing 747 jetliners with an order for 11 smaller aircraft valued at \$1.1 billion, signaling its concern that turmoil in Asia will crimp the industry's growth, BA said it would order five Boeing 777 jets and six 757s.

· British companies' export sales and orders slumped to their lowest level in seven years in the first quarter of 1998 because of the pound's strength, the British Chambers of Commerce said. Atlas Copco AB, a Swedish maker of industrial machinery.

as orders rose 16 percent, to 8.40 billion krooor. NBC, a broadcasting unit of General Electric Co. of the United States, is expected to announce next week that it will sharply cut back its programming in Europe and Asia.

said sales rose 27 percent, to 8.11 billion kronor (\$1.04 billion)

 Germany's car production climbed 20 percent from a year earlier to March, to 482,400 units. AP. Bloomberg, Reutery

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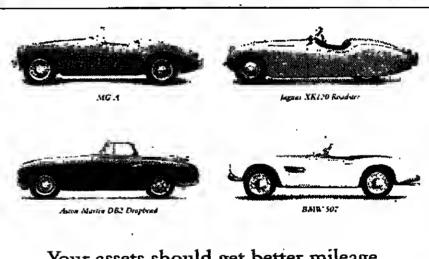
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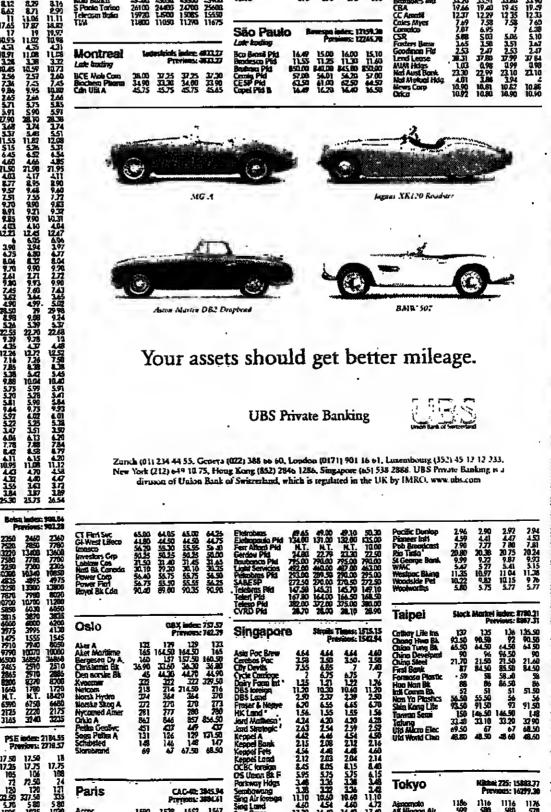
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he reflected misty-eyed on times past. Fifty years it had been since he had slept with bis beloved wife in this very same suite. It had been their wedding oight. How he wished she were there now. Half a century ago, and yet it seemed like yesterday. Tears sprang unbiddeo as recollections of their honeymoon, fresh as the Orchids on the bedside table, bloomed in his memory. The scent and soft colours of the room captured his reminiscences causing time to stand still. A gentle koock at the door roused him from

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Kia Strike Becomes **Militant**

Seoul March Raises Fear of Broad Protest

> By Don Kirk International Herald Tribun

SEOUL - Striking workers from the bankrupt Kia Motors Co. demonstrated Thursday io central Seoul, raising fears that their battle for their jobs could spark broad worker upheaval against a new law authorizing layoffs at unprofitable companies.

"No takeover, no takeover," several thousand workers shouted marching in defense of the indepeodeoce of Kia Moiors and its subsidiary, Asia Motors. Both were placed under court receivership Wednesday and could be sold.

The International Monetary Fund called for layoffs and the elimination of unprofitable companies as a condition for the nearly \$60 billion loan package to rescue the economy. Leaders of business, uoions and government agreed in January to support a law authorizing layoffs.

But the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions appears to be divided on strikes, while the Korean Federation of Metal Workers' Unions promised a prolonged struggle against any efforts to lay off workers at any automaker,

The unrest at Kia contributed to a 2.9 percent decline in the Seoul composite stock index. It closed down 13.72 points at 454.15.

The response of the Kia workers dramatized the difficulties of forcing major companies to go out of business or even to lay off unneeded

Amid sagging domestic car sales. Korea's 'hig three' carmakers, Hy-andai Motor Co., Daewoo Motor Co. and Kia Motors, have all had to do away with overtime, urge workers to go on unscheduled vacations and suggest a solution that all of them want to avoid: dismissal of workers for whom there is no real work.

Several hundred thousand workers from smaller companies bave lost their jobs since December, but larger companies so far have resisted layoffs, fearing strikes. 'We cannot keep workers when

we do not have enough for them to do," said a Hyundai Motor executive on condition of anonymity. Several hours before parading

through the ciry, about 400 Kia workers surrounded the company's headquarters in Yoldo, Seoul's financial district, and vowed to defend it with iron pipes and sticks.
They prevented Yoo Choog Yul.

the liquidator appointed by the court are issued. to lead both Kia and Asia Motors Ford is Surrounded by menacing workers,

Mr. Yoo said, "I am not an enemy of od of low at-the-pump prices." Kia Motors Co.," before retreating to his limousine.

president of the Hyosung group. Workers demanded that the Kia

president, Park Jae Hyuk, have equal status with Mr. Yoo in leading Kia through the crisis. Kia managers and workers fear that Mr. Yoo will try to engineer a merger between Kia and Samsung Motor Co., which began producing cars last month. There have been rumors that Ford Motor Co., which owns 9.7 percent of Kia, negotiating with both companies is form a single entity in which Ford would be the major investor.

At Kia, the immediate question was when the company's 20,000 workers would return 10 work.
[A union official said the strike

would continue until Saturday and April 24 to state its positioo on a takeover, Reuters reported.] ["Unless the government makes

clear by the 24th that it will rule out a takeover of Kia Moiors, we will be forced to make a serious decisioo." he said, without elaborating.]



Striking workers from Kia Motors blocking traffic in Seoul during their demonstration Thursday.

Hong Kong Trader Linked to Fraud

HONG KONG - A local ex-

ecutive was charged Thursday with 18 counts of bribery and fraud in wbat investigators said was the biggest case of stock-market corruption in Hong Kong's history. Kevin Lee, 39, was allegedly at

the center of a web of corrupt stock Fan. said he had already paid Rocktransactions involving at least four publicly traded Hong Kong compaoles, according to the territory's Independent Commission Against Corruption.

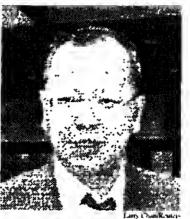
Mr. Lee, a former managing di-rector of Rockefeller & Co. (Far East), was charged in court and released on bail and guarantees total-7 million Hong Kong dollars prison. (\$903,000) and on a promise to surrender his passport and to report to the commission every two weeks. He could face a maximum of about 10 years in prison.

The commission, which has broad

did not rule out expanding its iovestigation or charging others.

The agency charged that Mr. Lee had received about 60 million dollars in bribes for buying shares with his employer's money and for selling shares for less than their fair market value. Mr. Lee's lawyer. Yolanda efeller & Co. between \$5 million and \$6 million as part of a civil set-tlement. The scale of Mr. Lee's alleged actions eclipsed the \$70,000 dollars of profit involved in a stockexchange scandal in 1990 in which the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's chairman, Ronald Li Foo-shiu, was eventually sentenced to four years in

Mr. Lee also was charged with bribing Eddie Taw Cheng-kong. former regional manager of the Government of Singapore Investment Corp. Mr. Taw was convicted in Singapore last year on eight corpowers to tap telephones. examine bank accounts and detain suspects. ruption counts and sentenced to nine bank accounts and detain suspects.



court Thursday after posting bail.

Bernard Ryan, the government lawyer prosecuting the case, said it would be at least a year before Mr. Lee's case went to trial if be chose to plead not guilty. Mr. Lee's next court appearance is scheduled for June 11. pany stuff is already done now."

Templeton Hires Tose Of Peregrine

HONG KONG - Philip Tose, who built Peregrine Investments Holdings Ltd. into the No. 1 underwriter of Asian stocks only to watch his firm collapse, was hired by Templeton Franklio Investment Services (Asia) Ltd. to scout for

"It's a question of gening on with my life," said Mr. Tose, 52, whose Hong Kong firm failed in January. Mr. Tose, a friend of Mark Mobius, the president of the \$15 billioo Templeion Emerging Markets Fund, said he would focus oo finding investments in Asian companies that were not publicly traded.

As chairman of Peregrine, Mr. Tose was one of Hong Kong's 10p deal-makers and cultivated ties with nany of the territory's executives. Those contacts may be valuable at Templeson, where Mr. Tose will report directly to Charles Johnson,

its president. Mr. Mobius was trav-

eling and unavailable for comment. empleton was among those that lost money when Peregrine went under, Various Templeton funds owned a total of about 10 percent of Peregrine's shares, valued at about 1.2 billion Hong Kong dollars 1S154.8 nullion 1. in 1997. Templetoo is un-

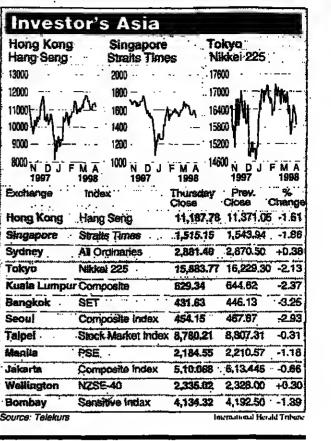
likely to recover that investment. Mr. Mobius spoke in Peregrine's defense when the firm began to falter and said in January, "If the region had not gonen so bad, they probably would have pulled it off."

Other Peregrine executives have already found new jobs.

Francis Leoog, who co-founded Peregrine with the British-born Mr. Tose, now directs BNP Peregrine PrimeEast Ltd., the Asian securities unit of Banque Nationale de Paris. Until now, Mr. Tose had conlinued to report to Peregrine's old offices, now nearly empry after the

January shutdown.

The liquidation procedure for Peregrine has now got to a relatively advanced state, in so much as I can help," Mr. Tose said, "Obviously I will continue to help the liquidators however I can, but most of the com-



Very briefly:

 Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s three former executives who were convicted of making illegal payoffs to a corporate racketeer were given suspended prison sentences.

 Daewoo Group plans to sell a 50 percent share in a \$1.3 billion power-plant project in India to Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., a Swiss-Swedish conglomerate.

 Toyota Motor Corp. said it would shut down its factory in Melbourne next week if it could not get spare parts because of a strike at Australian ports. The company said it might have to remporarily lay off 2,500 workers and could lose \$26 million a week if the lockout continued.

• Chine's first-quarter economic growth trailed the government's target of 8 percent for all of 1998. State Statistics Bureau officials said; they did not release figures. AFP, AF

Yamaichi Blames Ministry Official

Agence France-Presse

TOKYO - Yamaichi Securities Co. accused a Finance Ministry official Thursday of baving advised it to hide the losses that later were blamed for the collapse of the brokerage. Yamaichi said in a report that in January 1992. Nobuhiko

Matsuno, former head of the ministry's securines bureau, advised its executives to transfer to overseas units losses related to so-called tobashi trades, which involve helping favored clients avoid reporting losses. Such trades were outlawed in 1992. Mr. Matsuno has acknowledged knowing about the losses but denies having told Yamaichi 10 hide them.

FORD: High-End Trucks, Big Bucks

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automakers as Ford and Chrysler Corp. that have bet their futures on light trucks. Federal safety regulators have criticized the industry in the last two months for producing bigger and taller light trucks that inflict more damage during crashes, and the industry may be hurt it new regulations account for almost three-lifths of its Ford is betting that sport-utility

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have cashed in oo the public's in-'He is an outsider,' one worker satiable demand for pickups and sportshouted, noting that Mr. You is vice utility vehicles, but Ford has zeroed in on this treod most decisively.

dumped a half-dozen unprofitable car models, including the Thunderbird, Probe and Aspire; another, the Lincoln Mark VIII, will go out of production this summer. Yet Ford bas largely held on to its 25 percent market share in the United

States, as sales of large vehicles take make it the only large automaker able up the slack.

billion to invest. With rebates and other incentives oo cars and light trucks on solutions, announcing, for exthe government would have until growing. Ford bas cut costs faster. Two years ago, many on Wall Street

and in the media were saying that Ford had designed new models, including

which rose \$1,000 in price when Ford redesigned it in 1995 and which has since lost its leadership position in midsize car sales to the Toyota Canry.

But big, high-priced vehicles have tumed into the honest segment of the market. Despite price tags of \$30,000 to \$40,000 or more. Ford's light trucks domestic sales. Its most expensive sport-utility, the

through a reorganization and possible vehicles and pickups will stay popular huge Expedition and the similar Lin-sale, from entering the building. and gas prices will not rise much. Mr. coln Navigator, have been its most profitable. While automakers do oot release profits by model, analysts es-All the big automakers, of course, timate that Ford is earning a pretax profit of \$2.2 billion on annual sales of S9 billion worth of Expeditions and 'It's really remarkable how in this

Not only has Ford jettisoned its market, a few good models can make heavy-truck business, it has also such a difference." said Maryann dumped a half-dozen unprofitable car Keller, an auto analyst at Furman Selz. The Expedition was a brilliant stroke of genius - it makes a fortune."

When environmental questions surfaced last year about the contribution these vehicles make to urban smog. Ford's sophisticated engines helped to to promise that its full range of sport-Ford's success shows how an industrial giant can lift profits in a flat market. With GM and most Japanese automakers spinning their wheels, Ford has a cash luoard of more than \$20.

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Ford has a cash luoard of more than \$20. ample, that it would offer side air bags in all its cars within three years. Ford's shift from low-profit cars to

high-profit sport-utility vehicles has sport-utility vehicles and pickups, to also insulated it from Asian compebe so luxurious that few Americans 1itioo. While the dollar has soared could afford them. The main evidence against the Japanese yen and the South lay in weak sales of the Taurus sedan. Korean won, making it cheaper for States.

High-Margin Sales Bolster Ford Profit

cent. to \$1.69 billion, as cost-cutdecline in sales. The No. 2 U.S. automaker be-

hind General Motors Corp. said revenue tell 2 percent, to \$36.6 billion, reflecting rising rebates and other incentives in North America and a sales slump in South America. Ford cut cosis by \$400 million.

Profit from North American auto operations fell by about I percent, to \$1.01 billion, as U.S. sales fell 5.1 percent and the company's marketing expenses, including rebates and discounted leases, rose to 10.9 percent of revenue from 9.4 percent. Ford said its U.S. marker share during the first quarter was 24.5 percent, down from 25:1 percent a year earlier.

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and a solid encryption policy were essential if electronic commerce were to realize its full Mr. Daley's blunt comments marked the

first public acknowledgment that the Clintoo administration's encryption policy had failed. His remarks also echoed what the industry has contended for years — that non-U.S. companies are rapidly taking over the high-demand market for products that protect the privacy of The U.S. software industry is prohibited Agency position. communications.

from exporting strong encryption programs. which scramble data in weys that make it difficult or impossible for unauthorized people - including law-enforcement agenries—to decode. Such software is essential to electronic commerce, which requires that credit-card information and other private data be encrypted when products are ordered via the Internet.

The industry has long contended that the export rules pui U.S. companies at a great disadvantage relative to competitors who are

not under such restrictions. Agency say that the threat of terrorisis and asserted that government officials "think compromise is something in the middle." In Agency say that the threat of terrorists and law enforcement is so great that the original reality, he said, "Sometimes compromise is restrictions should be removed only if the restrictions should be removed only if the solice are given keys to unlock encrypted found outside of the box.

estimated 656 encryption products were being their demand for unlimited access.

Products from Germany, Ireland, Canada,

Israel and Britain can compete with anything made in the United States, be said, and can meer the needs of the world's computer networks.

"Our policy, ironically, encourages the growth of foreign producers at the same time it relands growth here," Mr. Daley said, He called for edialogue between industry and law enforcement but stopped short of saying that Mr. Clinton's administration would withdraw its support of the FBI and National Security

"The cost of our failure will be high," Mr. Daley said. The ultimate result will be foreign dominance of the market. This means a loss of jobs here and products that do not meet either our law-enforcement or national-security needs." Mr. Daley declined to offer examples of

whet the edministration might be willing to give up to reach an agreement. Some industry officials, however, said

there was no room for compromise. Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, said But Mr. Freeh and the National Security companies were willing to continue discussions with the Clinton administration. But he

He added: "Law enforcement bas legit-At the end of 1997, Mr. Daley said, an imate concerns. What we disagree with is their demand for wall at the demand for wall at the concerns.

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Ford Motor Co. said Thursday that its first-quarter profit rose 15 perting and increased sales of highprofit sport-utility vehicles offset a

In Europe, despite intensifying competition from Asian automakers that are increasing their presence on the Continent, Ford earned \$230 million, up from \$105 million. The company maintained its European market share. of J1.5 percent. (AP, Bloomberg)

foreign automakers to sell vehicles io the United States, overseas productioo of full-size pickups and sport-utilities is negligible. High taxes have driven up the price of gasoline in most industrialized countries, so the main market for huge vehicles is the United

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Independent Auditor.
Approval of the Financial Statements made-up as of December 31, 1997.

3. Discharge to the Directors and to the Independant Auditor. 4. Statutory Appointments. 3. Miscellaneous.

Resolutions on the agenda of the Statutory General Meeting will require no quorum and will be taken at the majority of the viteexpressed by the shareholders present or represented. Shareholders who cannot attend the meeting are invited to send a prox to the registered office to arrive not later than April 25, 1998. Proxy forms will be sent in registered shareholders. Proxy

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TENNIS Alex Corretja, the No. 2 seed, and defending champion Al-bert Costa lost Thursday in the Conde de Godo Open in Barcelona. Corretja lost, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, to Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy. Costa was overpowered by the forehand of a fellow Spaniard, Alberto Berasategui, 6-4, 6-4.

Berasategui next plays top seed Yevgeni Kafelnikov. The Russian beat Quino Munoz, a Spaniard, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-1.

A Hole in One Helps

GOLF David Lynn, an Englishman, shot a hole in one, and Jeev Singh of India eagled the 18th as both men were part of a four-way tie at the end of first round of the Cannes Open on Thursday. Robert Allenby of Australia and Jeff Remesy of France were the other two leaders with 67, four under par.

Lynn, who has missed the cut four times in his six previous tournaments, holed in one at the 155yard fifth.

Fred Davis Dies at 84

SNOOKER Fred Davis, 84, the former world snooker and billiards champion, died Wednesday.

Davis was world champion eight times from 1948 and also captured the World Billiards Championship twice in the same year, 1980, the second time at the age of 67. His older brother Ine was World Snooker Champion for 20 years,

"Joe was the greatest player in terms of ability, but I always said Fred was the greatest match-player ' said John Pullman, the snooker world champion from 1964-68.

Davis died in his sleep at his mountainside farm in north Wales, the World Professional Billiards Association (Reuters, AP)

Golf Thefts on the Rise

GOLF Police and golf shop owners in the United States have reported that designer golf cluhs, particularly Ely Callaway's titanium drivers, have become the targets of gangs of thieves.
The police in four Southern

states say that in the last two months an organized gang has broken into about 25 golf discount stores, smashing windows and grahling a total of some 1,500 Callaway drivers and other woods.

Police have reported Callaway thefts in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Nevada, California, Colorado and

Callaway's Great Big Bertha retails for up to \$400, the Biggest Big Bertha goes for \$450. But the clubs can sell for more than \$1,000 in Asia, the police said. Callaway does not put serial numbers on its

WORLD ROUNDUP Madrid vs. Juventus: A Future Cup Classic?

We Could (at Last!) See an Exciting Final

By Peter Berlin tional Herald Tribune

MONACO - Two true titans of club soccer will meet in a European final for the first time in the Champions Cup on

Juventus of Turin and Real Madrid both advanced with a little to spare in their semifinals Wednesday night. The final, the showpiece of the European club season, has often been a dreary disappointment, but if the two finalists live up to current form and past pedigree, the final in Amsterdam could be a glittering exception.

Real advanced, 2-0 on aggregate, after a gripping 0-0 draw against Borussia Dortmund, the reigning champion, in Dortmund. Juventus lost, 3-2, in an exciting match in Monaco hut advanced, 6-2 overall.

Juventus has won more matches in European cluh competition than any other team—165—and Real Madrid is second. Between them, the two clubs

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have reached 27 European finals, winning 14. But for both, much of that team only wins the UEFA Cup or the Cup Winners Cup because it did not qualify for the Champions Cup, the prize both clubs chased in vain for long periods. From 1956 to 1960, Real Madrid won

the first five finals of the European Cup, as it was then known, inventing a glorious tradition for both the clnb and the competition. Madrid won again in 1966, and has since craved a seventh triumph. A timid, mediocre Real team lost a dire final, 1-0, to Liverpool in 1981. The cup, said Coach Jupp Heynckes has become an 'obsession' at the club.

For Juventus, the competition has provided more suffering and less glory. The two Milan clubs, traditionally less successful in Italy, both woo the cnp in the 1960s, But Juve did not reach the final until 1973, when it lost to Ajax. It lost again in 1983, and when it finally woo, beating Liverpool in Brussels in 1985, triumph was overshadowed by the death of 39 fans, mostly Italians, after Liverpool fans rioted. Juventus won again when it beat Ajax in a penalty shoot-out in 1996, but it missed a chance to huild a dynasty when it lost to

For long periods in the 1970s and 1980s, it seemed as if Real Madrid, for all its desperate expenditure and effort. would oever again be strong enough to win a European Cup final. Over the same period, those finals were only gray shadows of the golden games that Real had won. In 1960 in Glasgow, Real destroyed Eintracht Frankfurt, 7-3. The 10 goals in that one match contrast sharply with nine finals between 1978 and 1986, which produced a total of nine goals. Take out two glorious 4-0 victories by AC Milan (how painful for Inventus) over Steana Bucharest in 1989 and Barcelona in 1994, and the finals from 1978

Dortmund last year.

to 1996 averaged one goal apiece; in Real Madrid's six victories, the losing earns averaged better than that.

But the last two weeks have offered some hope. Real Madrid is built to attack. The match Wednesday night in Dortmund was a fine demonstration that

soccer matches do not need goals or a winner to be exciting and satisfying.

Meanwhile, in Monaco, the two teams produced an astonishing 32 goal attempts between them. A month earlier, Monaco had shared a tedious 0-0 draw with Manchester United in the first leg of the quarterfinal, confident that it could score one goal in Manchester, which it did.

On Wednesday, trailing 4-1 from the first leg. the Monegasques gambled. Jean Figana, the coach, played three strikers. Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, find-ing the odds in Monaco in his favor, gambled too. He knew that if his team lost 3-0 it would be eliminated because Monaco had scored a goal in Turin. If Juve lost 4-1 the game would go to extra time and then penalties, and if it lost 5-2, it would go through because it had more away goals. So Juventus attacked too.

The two men who made Lippi's gamble pay were Angelo Peruzzi, his goalkeeper, and Alessandro Del Piero, the top scorer in the competition this year. After 14 minutes, Del Piero swerved past Djibril Diawara on the edge of the Monaco penalty area and then passed to Nicola Amoruso, so neatly that it seemed all the substitute had to do was stand still so the ball could hit his foot and carom into the net. An hour later, Del Piero volleyed a cross from Moreno Toricelli past Fabien Barthez to give Juve its precious second goal.

Heynckes should spend a lot of time in the next month studying a video of what happened between those two strikes. Monaco carved the Juventus defense apart: on the left, on the right, through the center, on the ground and in the air. Time and again, Peruzzi saved his team - most spectacularly wheo little Ali Benarbia was allowed an unimpeded flying header from just three meters a minute before halftime.

Monaco scored three times, and on another night or against another goalkeeper, the team would have scored the five goals they needed. "It is not normal to have three goals

against us," said Zinedine Zidane, the Juventus midfielder. The Champions Cup has had far too many normal finals. With luck, both

Juventus and Real Madrid will have

another abnormal night in Amsterdam. ■ Israel Shocks Argentina, 2-1

hihition match Wednesday, The Associated Press reported from Jerusalem.

In the 67th minute, Yossi Ahucassis of Israel was sent off with Israel leading 1-0. Argentina immediately scored to make it 1-1. But Haim Ravivo scored the winner in the 83d minute.

Shlomo Sharf, Israeli coach, said it was "a historic victory."



GOING THOUGH - Jonathan Akpoborie, a Stuttgart striker, cutting through the Lokomotiv Moscow defense in the second leg of a semifinal of the European Cup Winners Cup in Moscow. Akpoborie set up the only goal of the match, scored by Fredi Bobic in the first half, as Stuttgart won 1-0 Thursday and 3-1 overall.

SWIFT: Uphill Race for Kenyans, as U.S. Sponsors Change Rules

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recently announced it would stop giving prize money altogether.

The growing hostility toward foreign competitors has disillusioned runners like Godfrey Kiprotich, 31, whose race

earnings support his family of 10. Reached by telephone in Kenya's Rift Valley, where he was preparing for the 10-kilometer Twosome in New York's Central Park on April 25, Ki-protich Seatch, "Last year, I won a race and got \$2,500. The first American far behind me got \$5,000. How can the American be motivated to run better?" American distance runners, once a

world force, are divided about the wisdom of excluding foreign runners or reducing their prizes. But no one disputes the reality at the heart of the debate. "The current crop of Kenyans are the

best distance runners the world has ever seen," said Keith Brantly, a 1996 American Olympic marathoner, who this month finished ninth behind eight Kenyans in the Nortel Cherry Blossom 10-mile race in Washington, "They are not only slaughtering the Americans, they are slaughtering everybody."

But while Kenyans have also won races in Europe, Asia and South America, there are no special preferences given elsewhere to runners from the host countries.

Kenyan men's domination, which has intensified in recent years, has already had a profound impact on the sport in the World Cup favorites, 2-1, in an ex- formation of two different American circuits. One is the Professional Road Racing Circuit, of which Boulder has been a part, and which offers prize money to all runners, but draws few Americans. The other is the USA Circuit, which awards prize money almost exclusively to Americans and draws few foreigners.

American runners and some race directors argue that the Kenyans stop

young American runners from earning a living and fully developing their talent. The Kenyans come to America for brief periods, returning to their homeland with

sums that go a long way in a nation with a per capita annual income of \$280.

"It's pointless for me to run on the pro circuit," said Mike Mykytok, 27, the U.S 10,000-meter champion in track and field. "With all the Kenyans, I could see a new corel best time still only could set a personal best time, still only place 12th and win \$200.

In response, road racing events have increasingly switched to the USA Circuit, where the prize money is chiefly awarded to American participants.

And many of those races that continue to award open prize money, including some on the formal Professional Road Racing Circuit — which will offer a total of \$397,000 in prize money this year — have begun giving bonuses to Americans for a top-10 finish or awarding money to top Americans irrespective of how they run.

At last summer's Harvard Pilgrim Falmonth Road Race on Cape Cod, Mykytok earned a \$4,000 honus as the first American to finish despite placing

only 11th.
"We're not limiting opportunities for foreigners but creating opportunities for Americans," said Craig Masback, executive director of USA Track & Field. Julia Emmons, director of the 10-kilometer Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta, said: "Protecting American run-Israel upset Argentina, one of the United States. It has contributed to the ners only leads to weaker and weaker performances. There's something deeply wrong with the American system. We haven't produced a champion since Alberto Salazar in the early '80s. We're a laughingstock." Event organizers have complained that

they do not satisfy the public relations demands of the events, which include media interviews and appearances.

"Journalists were saying to us,

'Look, we don't have a story on Bolder Boulder anymore. We don't know who the Kenyans are. They can't talk to said Reef, the director of the 38.000-person Boulder race.

When in 1994 Kenyan success became too much for organizers at the Gate River 15-kilometer ran in Jacksonville, the event became the first to limit prizes only to Americans. Doug Alred, the director of the Jacksonville race, said the postrace interview of Todd Williams, the American winner of the race last month. favorably contrasted with the impassive

responses of previous Kenyan winners.

At the end of a TV interview shown throughout the state," Alred said, "Todd said, 'I love Jacksonville, and I love Gate!'

Another event nearby, the Gasparilla Distance Classic 15-kilometer run in Tampa with 13,000 participants and NationsBank as chief sponsor, will no longer award prize money beginning in 1999. Race officials said they wanted to donate the money to charities.

But Brantly, the last American to win Gasparilla in 1989, suggested otherwise. The area is steeped in attitudes of the Old South," said Brantly, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "Do you think if a white American runner had won the last few years, they'd be cutting prize money?"

Lisa Buster, who manages a roster of 15 Kenyans based in the Philadelphia area, said Kenyan runners often conducted popular clinics at the races. And Mark Wetmore, the agent for Hezron Otwori, the 22-year-old Kenyan who won last year's race in Bonlder and the \$10,000 prize, said Otwori would run again despite the race's limits on the Kenyans. He was less sure whether he would satisfy the frustrated organizers.

"Hezron's a nice, friendly guy," Wetmore said. "But he doesn't pick up a microphone and do stand-up.

Belfour's 44 Saves Make Dallas No. 1 in West

Ed Belfour made 44 saves in a spectacular performance as the Dallas Stars -beat the Detroit Red Wings, 3-1, to clinch the top spot in the Western Conference and home ice through the first three rounds of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the Edmonton Oilers and San Jose Sharks became the final two teams to clinch playoff berths, com-pleting the 16-team field. Even before

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their 5-3 victory over Anaheim on Wednesday, the Oilers were handed a berth in the West when Chicago was beaten, 3-2, by Toronto.

The Sharks then clinched a spot with a 3-3 tie with Calgary, officially eliminating the Blackhawks for the first time in 29 years. Their 28-year playoff streak was the longest current streak in the National Hockey League. In Dallas, the Stars clinched the No. 1

seed in the West for the playoffs, which start next week. The Stars beat Detroit for the first time in five tries this season

despite being outshot 45-16.
"We had two things we had to accomplish, which was win home ice and beat Detroit," said Derian Hatcher, he

"We've now beaten all the teams in our conference, and that was what the guys talked about in the locker room."

The Dallas penalty-killing unit stopped seven Detroit power plays. Hatcher gave a dominating, physical performance in the Dallas defense. Sharks 3, Flaines 3 In Calgary, Jeff

Friesen scored his sixth shon-handed goal and added an assist as San Jose clinched a playoff spot for the first time in three years. The Sharks, unbeaten in seven games, are eighth in the Western Conference, two points behind Edmon-Oilers 5, Mighty Ducks 3 Edmonton

overcame a two-goal deficit with three power-play goals against visiting Ana-heim. Anaheim and Edmonton were tied 2-2 late in the second period when news of the Toronto result came through.

Maple Leafs 3, Blackhawks 2 In Toronto, Felix Potvin made 34 saves as the Maple Leafs ended the Blackhawks' playoff streak. Devils 5, Sabres 4 Scott Stevens

scored on a slap shot with 21.7 seconds left in overtime to lead New Jersey over visiting Buffalo. The Devils trail the Stars by one point in the overall stand-

ne 5, Lighting 1 Jaromir Jagr, reunited with his line-mates Rou Fran-Ken Hitchcock, the Stars coach, said: cis and Stu Barnes, assisted on goals by



Pavel Bure of the Canucks trying to get past the Kings' Yanic Perreault.

both and scored his 300th as host Pittsburgh beat Tampa Bay to end a fourgame winless streak. Bruins 6, Canadiens 2 Tim Taylor

scored two goals, including a penalty sbot in the first period as Boston won in Kings 2, Canucks II Jamie Storr made 31 saves for his second shutout of the

season as Los Angeles won in Van-

couver. valey scored a goal and assisted on two others and rookie goalie Dan Cloutier stopped 29 shots to lead the Rangers

On a Roll, Casino Team Turns a Corner By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribune PARIS - Some day the Harvard and Stanford business schools will drop their case studies of IBM and Chrysler and concentrate on a really major turnaround: the Casino bicycle team.

"We've grown well, really de-veloped in the last two years," said Vincent Lavenu, the French team's dirccicur spornf. "It's gratifying to gather the fruits of what you've planted." Lavenu the horriculturist beamed.

Two years ago, when the team was still Petit Casino, the two of spades, little casino, it ranked 27th in the world in the computerized listing of its riders' performance points. There weren't many, reflecting its annual budget of \$2 million and its victory total, which could be counted on the fingers of one hand, thumb and pinkie excepted.

Last year the sponsor changed --- out went Petit Casino, a chain of coffee bars in supermarkets, and in came the unqualified Casino, the supermarkets themselves, the 10 of diamonds. The hudget nearly tripled, and Lavenu began recruiting riders with enough points to make the team eligible to move from the second division to the big leagues. He did not go on a hinge. The 42-year-old team manager looked for the same

sort of dependable, striving, hungry rider he was himself a decade earlier. In came Pascal Richard of Switzerland, the Olympic road race champion in Atlanta, to give Casino credibility and his performance points. He was followed by such workhorses as Alberto Elli, Marco Saligari and Rodolfo Massi, all Italians, Rolf Jaermann, another Swiss, and Stephane Barth, a French neoprofessional.

Did it work? Roll over lacocca and tell Gerstner the news. Although its leader, Richard, missed

most of the season with injuries. Casino won 26 races last year, vaulting into seventh place in team standings. Elli was second in the esteemed Milan-San Remo classic and first in the Midi Libre stage race; Barth won the French championship: Christophe Agnolutto, a French holdover from the Petit Casino days, won the Tour of Switzerland, and Jaan Kirsipuu, an Estonian and another holdover, won Cholet-Pays de Loire and the Vendee Classic.

Assisted by four intensive training camps during the winter, Casino can say that this season is going even better. When its latest big recruit, Bo Hamburger, a Dane, won the Fleche Wal-lonne on Wednesday, he pushed Casino's victory total this season to 25. And it's only mid-April in a season

that runs to October. Even Mapei, the Death Star of professional hicycle racing teams, cannot approach Casino's total.

But for every apple, it seems, there is a worm. Mapei riders have won such

major races as the Tour of Flanders, Paris-Roubaix and Paris-Nice. Next to those. Casino's triumphs in the Tour of Calabria, Cholet-Pays de Loire and the Circuit de la Sanhe fade.

Lavenu knows this. The Tour of Calahria! The Circuit de la Sanhe! He ham his eyes on a victory in the World Cup series of spring and fall classics. Win one of them and walk with the giants. Cholet-Pays de Loire? Paris-Roubaix!

We're confident that we can do well in a World Cup race," Lavenu said be-fore Paris-Roubaix last Sunday. "We need to. It's good to win smaller races; we have 22 riders, and races like the Grand Prix de Rennes, the Coupe de France, are important to us. You can't neglect them. especially for your young riders.

If you want to win races, you've go to enter them. You've got to be at all the

It's difficult, though, to make the leap from the Coupe de France to the World Cup. Alberto Elli was the highestplaced Casino in Milan-San Remod 10th, and in the Tour of Flanders, 41st. In Paris-Roubaix, nobody on the team made it higher than 47th.

This Sunday the World Cup race is Liege-Bastogne-Liege, and Richard would be a favorite, since he won it in 1996. But he has been slow to mend from injuries last season and this. Off his victory in the Fleche Wallonne, Hamburger should be dangerous if his legs have two

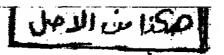
strong races in them in five days.
Who else? "We have at least five riders who are capable of being at the front." Lavenu says. "Five? Maybe six. Last year, everybody rode well, but this year we've really exploded."



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Phillies' Ace Loses, 3-2, on Pinch-Hit Homer

Brian Meadows earned his first major league victory in style, helping the Florida Marlios became the first team this season to solve the Philadelphia Phillies' ace, Curt Schilling.
Meadows, a rookie, did not allow an

earned run and gave up just two op-

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

posite-field singles in seven innings as Florida won, 3-2, in Miami on Wed-

Schilling, who began the game with an 0.35 earned run average in three starts and 34 strikeouts in 26 innings. gave up three runs on only four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and

Iim Eisenreich, Schilling's former teammate with Philadelphia, hit a tworun, pinch-hit homer off the Phillies in the seventh. The ball harely cleared the wall.

Mets 2, Cubs 1 About seven hours after the New York Yankees beat Anaheim, 6-3, in their relocated game at Shea Stadium, the real home team in the ballpark also won. Rick Reed pitched seven scoreless innings and hit a tworun homer.

The Yankees' game, switched after Yankee Stadium had structural damage. had an attendance of 40,743, while the Mets drew a crowd of 16,012.

Braves 6, Pirates 0 Greg Maddux threw a six-hitter for his 24th career shutout, lifting Atlanta over Pittshurgh, 7-0. He got 17 groupdball outs.

Maddux has allowed two earned runs in 32 innings this season.

Kevin Brown pitched a four-hitter to continue his career dominance of the Giants. He is 5-0 in six lifetime starts against them.

Greg Vaughn's homer in the top of the second inning provided the only run as the Padres won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Expos 4, Brewers 3 in Montreal. Shane Andrews homered for the second straight day and Trey Moore earned his first major league victory.

He pitched six innings, allowing two runs and four bits. He also went 2 for 2 with a double.

Reds 4, Astros 1 Willie Greene and Chris Stynes homered as Cincinnati beat visiting Houston.

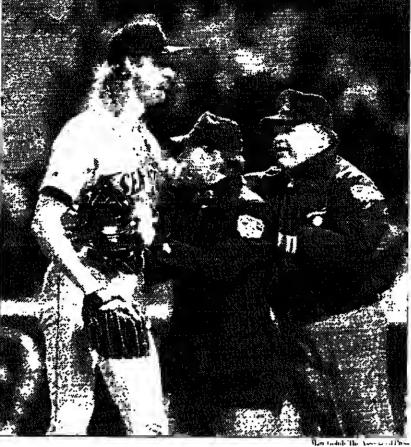
In American League games: Mariners 5, Indians 3 Randy Johnson, Seattle's star pitcher, buzzed a fastball past Kenny Lofton's head, setting off a

bench-clearing incident that included three ejections in Cleveland. Lofton took exception after a pair of high-and-tight pitches in the third in-

ning and started toward the mound, but was held hack by catcher Dan Wilson, Johnson was ejected and so were Lofton and a Cleveland teammate. Sandy Alomar, who exchanged words with Lou

Piniella, the Mariners' manager. Seattle's struggling bullpen did the job after Johnson left, with Bobby Ayala recording the team's first save of the

White Sox 7, Orioles 6 Mike Caruso homered and also scrambled to make a game-ending play as Chicago ended its losing streak at three with victory in



Two unpires trying to restrain Randy Johnson before he was ejected.

Caruso and Robin Ventura homered for an early 6-1 lead against Doug Drabek, who pitched for the White Sox last season.

Royats 7, Blue Jays 3 Hal Morris hit a single, double and triple, driving in two runs and leading Kansas City to victory over visiting Toronto.

Morris had three hits hy the fifth

inning but, needing a home run to com-plete the cycle, flied out and popped

Rangers 7, Tigers 3 Tom Goodwin's run-scoring triple highlighted a five-run

rally in the sixth inning that finished off

Texas's three-game sweep over visiting Detroit. The Rangers won their fourth in a row and Detroit lost its fifth straight. Red Sox 4, Athletics 3 Troy O'Leary singled home the winning run with two

outs in the bottom of the ninth inning. making Boston 6-0 on its homestand. The Red Sox won for the fourth time in their last at-bat during their streak at

Fenway Park. • Arizona at St. Louis and Los

Angeles at Colorado were postponed because of bad weather.

Bulls Stumble Again, Losing to Pistons, 87-79

The Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls lost again, and it appears that Game 1 of the National Basketball Association finals will be held in Salt Lake City if Urah and Chicago play for the championship.

If the Bulls lose again, they could lose the home-court advantage they cur-

NBA ROUNDUP

rently hold over the Seattle SuperSonics and the Los Angeles Lakers. Chicago dropped out of a tie with the

Jazz for the NBA's best record by losing its 20th game of the season Wednesday night to the Detroit Pistons, 87-79. They were full of vim and vigor,

and they really put us in a hole," said Phil Jackson, the Bulls' coach. "We were able to fight back, but it was just probably a little 100 far to come back on a night like tonight at the end of the season when the game has meaning, hut not a whole lot." The Bulls may soon find that these

last few games have plenty of meaning. In order for Chicago to overtake Utah, the Bulls would need to win their final two games and the Jazz lose two of their final three. Chicago is tied with Seattle but the Bulls have the riebreaker edge over the Sonics by virtue of a better conference record.

"It certainly wasn't a typical Chicago Bulls team tonight," said Michael Jordan, who was held scoreless in the first quarter and finished with 19 points. "Without Scottie Pippen, I think our structure was kind of disoriented." Pip-

pen was out because of kidney stones. Wizards 101, Cavaliers 93 Washington broke a four-game home losing streak

and kept its slim playoff hopes alive. "Staying alive." said Calbert

Cheaney of the Wizards. "This team has a lot of fight, and as long as there's a

chance, we're going to continue to perform. The Wizards need to win their remaining two games — at Miami on Friday and at home against Boston on Sanirday — and hope that either the New York Knicks or the New Jersey

Nets lose their two remaining games. Pacers 82, Hawks 70 Indianapolis held visiting Atlanta without a field goal for more than 10 minutes of the second

half, posting their sixth straight vic-Suns 98, Nuggets 89 In Phoenix, Antonio McDyess scored 25 points. Steve

Nash had a career-high 24 and Jason Kidd had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists. The victory put the Suns 11/2 games ahead of idle San Antonio in the race for fourth place. Magic 99, Heat 87 In Miami, Nick

Anderson scored 24 for Orlando, which has been eliminated from postseason

"We wanted to ruin it for somebody else," Anderson said. "We know that we are not in, but we have hasketball to play and we can play spoiler." The loss ended Miami's chances of catching Indiana.

Hornets 109, Nets 103 In Charlotte, the Hornets scored 12 of the last 14 points against New Jersey to move within one game of gaining home-court advantage

in the first round of the playoffs. Warriors 92, Clippers 80 Jim Jackson scored 27 points and visiting Golden State made all 10 of its free throws in the final 1:43 in Los Angeles to avoid a four-game season sweep,

Bucks 117, Celtics 109 In Boston, Milwaukee sank 14 consecutive free throws in the final four minutes to put the game out of reach.

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A Prodigal Son Returns

By Jim Yardley
New York Times Service

TEW YORK - For the first time in 43 years, Dale Bell met with his brother ing borneless in 1998. Phy-Arthur on Wednesday. He sicians at Kings County Hos-had last seen him in 1955, pital had diagnosed dementia then a tall and lean man, elegant in a black turtleneck. Now the old man before him be can recall precise details of stood shakily with a walker. his different hallet perfor-But it didn't matter.

- "The prodigal son has are very vague, come home," Dale Bell said of the emotional meeting.

The reunion marked another remarkable chapter in the unlikely life of Arthur Bell, who until last month was another anonymous homeless person on the streets of New missionary — did not ap-York. But after paramedics prove of dancing as a career. delivered Bell to a Brooklyn hospital, a social worker discovered that he had been one of the first black ballet dancers in New York City. A flurry of news articles caught the attention of Bell's long-lost family in Florida and led to their reunion.

'lı's a mind hlower," said Arthur Bell, 71, "I'm not alone anymore.

Dale Bell, 51, and his wife, Henri Mae, spent about two hours in a private meeting with Arthur at a nursing home in Queens before appearing at a news conference. Unlike his five sisters, who live in the Tampa area, Dale Bell lives in New Rochelle, New York, where he works as a computer 9 and Arthur had returned to

You look like mother!' Dale Bell exclaimed when he saw his brother Wednesday. 'You look like father!' Arthur Bell answered.

In reacquainting himself so to change that," he said.

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with his brother, Dale Bell said he did not ask how Arthur had gone from dancing in New York and Paris during the 1940s and '50s to becomas an explanation for Arthur Bell's memory loss. Though mances, his recent memories

Dale Bell said his brother left Florida for New York hefore turning 20 because their parents — the father a Pentecostal minister: the mother a

Dancing for a living, unless you were doing it for God, it wasn't something you would do." Dale Bell said. "But he fell strongly about it enough that he left." Dale Bell said he had

loosely kept tabs on his hrother through an aunt who lived in Brooklyn. But when she died in 1974, contact was severed. When Dale Bell moved to New York in 1975. he said he often stared into the faces of strangers and homeless people, looking for a glint of recognition. He called the Social Security Administration hut turned up nothing.

Now, he said, he and his wife were planning to take Arthur on a vacation to Paris once his health improves. The doctors described Ar-

analyst. The two brothers (two thur Bell's health as good, but other hrothers are dead) last said that he still needs more saw each other when Dale was rest before he will be able to walk without assistance. Tampa to visit their ill father. Meanwhile, Dale Bell said he was planning a reunion with their five sisters. "If there was ever any doubt in his mind that his family loved him, it will only take a day or

Live, on Broadway! A Hollywood Slugfest

By Bernard Weinraub

OS ANGELES - Watch out, Broadway! Not only are Michael Ovitz and Michael Eisner set to compete on Times Square, but a third Hollywood mogul. Jeffrey Katzenberg, may also turn his focus to Broadway. These are three of Hollywood's most high-profile and competitive men and they really don't like each other.

Broadway is accustomed to huge egos, but Ovitz, Eisner and Katzenherg are in a league unto themselves.

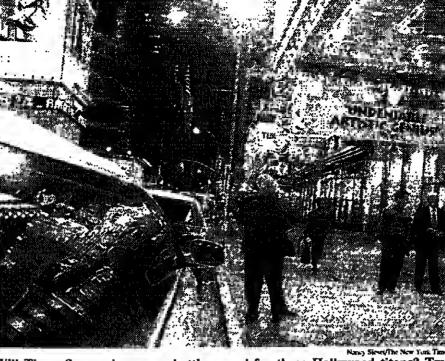
"It definitely has David Marnet overtones." said a top executive at DreamWorks, which is owned hy Katzenberg. Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, a prominent Broadway investor.

What prompted the attention of Hollywood was the surprise announcement that Ovitz was returning to the entertainment husiness hy investing \$20 million in Livent Enter-tainment. The Toronto-based company, controlled hy Garth Drabinsky, was behind pro-ductions like "Ragtime," "Show Boat" and 'Kiss of the Spider Woman." Ovitz's move sets up a classic jousting match on Broadway, where Walt Disney Co. and its chnirman, Eisner, are already major forces. But beyond this, much is at stake for the theater.

In the last three years, Disney and Livent have challenged Broadway's husiness practices, with infusions of money and marketing that had never been seen before. With productions spawning profitable road-show operations, what had essentially been a seat-ofthe-panis husiness has reached new levels of sophistication and billion-dollar revenues.

Several other Hollywood studios are investigating whether they might replicate Disney's successes, but with Ovitz on the scene and Katzenberg waiting in the wings, the competition could take on a personal edge. Ovitz, once called the most powerful man in Hollywood, has been relanively silent in the 14 months since he left the presidency of Disney after a tumultuous year of friction with Eisner, once his close friend. The departure, "by mutual agreement," was a rare failure in Ovitz's high-flying career, which included his virtual domination of the movie husiness as a founder and chairman of the

at least with its financial, art and media animated musical, to Broadway four years worlds - and was planning to spend more ago. The production has been a huge success.



Will Times Square become a battleground for three Hollywood titans? Two companies have challenged Broadway's practices and a struggle is in the offing.

of Modern Art and has said that he was ductions has been estimated by financial energized by attending lunches and dinners analysts at \$500 million. there at which the movie husiness was not

even mentioned. In taking control of Livent from Drahinsky. Ovitz has in effect staked a large claim in the cultural world of New York, one that makes him a power hroker in a city he covets and views as a larger arena than Los Angeles.

Since leaving Disney, Ovitz, 50, has spent time traveling abroad with his wife and three children and, on the business side, has been associated with efforts to lure a National Foothall League franchise to Los Angeles. among other things. By all accounts, he has refused to return Eisner's phone calls, testifying to his lingering anger.

Eisner has made clear that Disney and Broadway seemed a perfect fit. Partly at the Creative Artists Agency.

Ovitz has told friends in recent months that he was fascinated with New York—or

time there. He is on the board of the Museum Box-office revenue from various stage pro-

Similarly, Disney has scored a formidable hit in the acclaimed Broadway version of the animated musical "The Lion King," which has been sold our almost every night since its opening in November at the New Amsterdam Theatre, which Disney refurbished and owns, directly across the street from "Ragtime," appearing at Livent's Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

Disney is also weighing a Broadway mu-sical called "Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida" with music hy Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice. It is scheduled to open in Atlanta in October, with a possible spring 1999 opening in New York. A stage version of the Disney film "The Hunchhack of Notre Dame" is planned for Berlin next fall; if it proves successful, a Broadway production would follow.

At the third end of the powerful triangle is Katzenberg, the former Disney studio chief, who supervised the revival of animated mu-

sicals at the company. Like Ovitz, Karzen berg was forced to leave Disney, in 1994. Katzenberg left when he was denied the company's No. 2 position after the death of Frank Wells in a helicopter crash.

Jaughter in a M Unlike Ovitz, Katzenberg did not leave the company with a fortune, and he sued Disney for \$250 million. He contended that Disney had failed to give him his rightful share of the profits from hit films that he helped create and from their Broadway musical spin-offs. For Katzenberg, too, some

roads lead to Broadway.

Shortly before a trial was set to begin Disney and Katzenberg reached a settlement. The financial arrangement was not announced. People close to Katzenberg said he could end up with \$100 million, but a veteran Hollywood lawyer said that figure was probably too high.

After a slow and disappointing start.

DreamWorks is now gearing up for the release on Dec. 18 of its first animated musical, "Prince of Egypt," the retelling of the story of Moses with the vinces of, among others, Val Kilmer (Moses) and Sandra Bullock (Miriam). The lyrics and music hy Stephen: Schwartz and Hans Zimmer are described by DreamWorks executives as Broadway-style and perfectly suited for the stage.

The actual content may lend itself to a

theatrical venue," an executive said, although any discussion of Broadway will wait unfil it is known how the film fares at the box office.... Terry Press, the top marketing and pub-licity executive at DreamWorks, said:

DreamWorks doesn't own any Broadway theaters, but the two Mikes do. Should we be fortunate enough to have 'Prince of Egypt' head for Broadway, bopefully, the produc-tion rights to the musical will be auctioned. and may the best Mike win."

Two DreamWorks partners, Katzenberg and Geffen, have difficult relations with Eisner, and with Ovitz. (The bad blood with Ovitz dates from his years as Hollywood's top agent, when Geffen and Katzenberg had several fractious run-ins with him.)

So Ovitz does not speak to his former best friend Eisner. Geffen has icy relations with Eisner and Ovitz. Katzenberg is decidedly unfriendly to Ovitz and his feelings about Eisner are chilly, too.

None of them likes the others (with the exception of Katzenberg and Geffen), and they'll probably move their competition to Broadway, which had better get accustomed: to Hollywood's peculiar style of partnership.

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MOVIE producer has sued Leonardo DiCaprio, claiming the A MOVIE producer has such Leonal do Dicapitos such as a low-budget movie he made in 1995. David Stutman says in his lawsuit in Superior Court in Los Angeles that DiCaprio and his fellow actor Tobey Magaire called a manaber of distributors of independent films to urge them not to distribute "Don's Plum." DiCaprio and Maguire starred in the low-budget movie, which is still looking for a distributor. The breach of contract complaint said DiCaprio initially liked the finished film. "During the screening, be jumped out of his seat several times, laughing, clapping and high-fiving his friends," the suit says. But Maguire, who was featured in "The Ice Storm," thought his own performance "would undermine the public image he and his manager were trying to protect" and then used his friendsbip with DiCaprio to block the film's release. A spokesman for the actors said all parties agreed never to distribute the film. "As a favor to a friend and first-time director, Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire agreed to participate in an experimental black-and-white short film with an improvised script," a statement said.

The novelist Joseph Heller has donated a few pages from bis files to the University of South Carolina. So bow many pages is that? "They say it's 150,000 pages," he said, "but I can't imagine I've produced that much garbage in my life." But why did a writer who was born and raised in Brooklyn give manuscripts, page proofs and correspondence to a university in South Carolina? "That was thanks to the U.S. Air Force," he said. He was stationed there for several months in World War II. Heller thanked a woman named Kitty. She was, he said,

Jack Lehimon appears to have been partially responsible for the defeat of the mayor of Malibu, California, warning that development could ruin the exclusive oceans de haven of movie stors by making it just like Laguna Beach. A videotape mailed to voters before the election showed downtown Laguna Beach while Lemmon asked if they want "another crowded beach city filled with hotels, tourists and traffic."
The video cited Mayor Jeff Jennings's support of a plan to build 1.1

A Surprise for Vermont Museum

The Associated Press

BENNINGTON, Vermont — Two wooden crates arrived unexpectedly at the Bennington Museum recently and were found to contain seven Granden Management and were 14 years ago. Where the artworks have been all this time and who sent them hack, and why, remain a mystery. The brightly colored New England landscapes were stolen in 1984 from the home of Margaret Carr in Rose Valley, Pennsylvania, shortly after her death. She had bequeathed the paintings to the Bennington Museum. The works — whose combined value was estimated by the Bennington at \$250,000 to \$500,000 — were not seen again until they arrived at the museum in February in good shape.

"probably the first girl I ever fell in love with, and if I had stuck around, I prohably wouldn't be here today."

million square feet of malls and hotels "fonling the air and destroying the tranquillity that is Malibu." In Laguna Beach, people were not amused. "I think Malibu would be very fortunate and lucky if they could become another Laguna Beach," Mayor Steve Dicterow said.

> The Daily Planet, the newspaper where the mild-mannered Clark ent toils with the plucky reporter Lois Lane; their editor, Perry White. and the photographer Jimmy Olsen, will be publishing out of Pittsburgh this summer. City officials say that when Tim Burton directs "Superman Lives," starring Nicolas Cage as the Man of Steel, the City-County Building would be transformed into the newspaper's offices. A false floor will be huilt in the three-story lobby, and a Daily Planet sign will hang outside. Business is otherwise expected to go on as usual.

> It's another girl for Dan Aykroyd and Donna Dixon. The couple's third daughter - Stella Irene Augustus Aykroyd - was born April York. The Avkroyds, who married in 1983, have two othe girls, Danielle, 8, and Belle, 4. The former "Saturday Night Live" comic and ex-Blues Brother now stars in the ABC series "Soul Man." Dixon appeared in the TV series "Bosom Buddies."

The Russian artist Alexander Kornukhov bas been chosen to decorate a new chapel inside the Vatican that was secretly authorized by Pope John Paul II in celebration of the coming millennium. A spokesman said work on the project was begun two years ago.



DRY LAND — The talk-show host Oprah Winfrey and her friend Stedman Graham leaving a shipboard party for the poet Maya Angelou.



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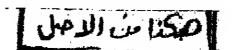
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